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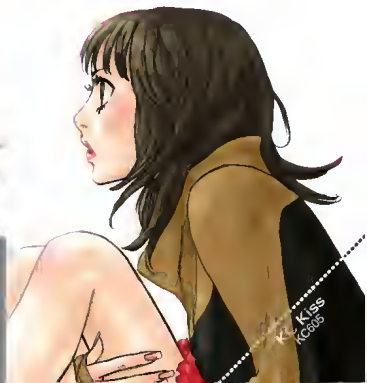

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This is the Moment!
SERENUS
DREAMERS

LEON!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO THE CLUB?
SORRY. I HAVE SOMETHING THAT I WANT TO SEE ON THE TV.
TV!? YOU NEED TO GET OUT MORE!
WE'LL BE ANNOUNCING LIVE FROM THE FIRST ROUND OF THE PRE-SEASON
OH, NO- IT PROBABLY ALREADY BEGAN
THIS IS WOMEN'S SINGLE FREE THE NEXT SKATER, A SENIOR DEBUTING IN THIS TOURNAMENT,
IS JAPAN'S MICHIRU KUROKI
THE SONG IS "CARMINA BRANA"

Lucky~ I made it on time.
She's an athletic with great impression of sharp edge work using long arms and legs, but
she has already accomplished quadriple toe loop in her native country's tournament.
Is she going to start off with a jump...?
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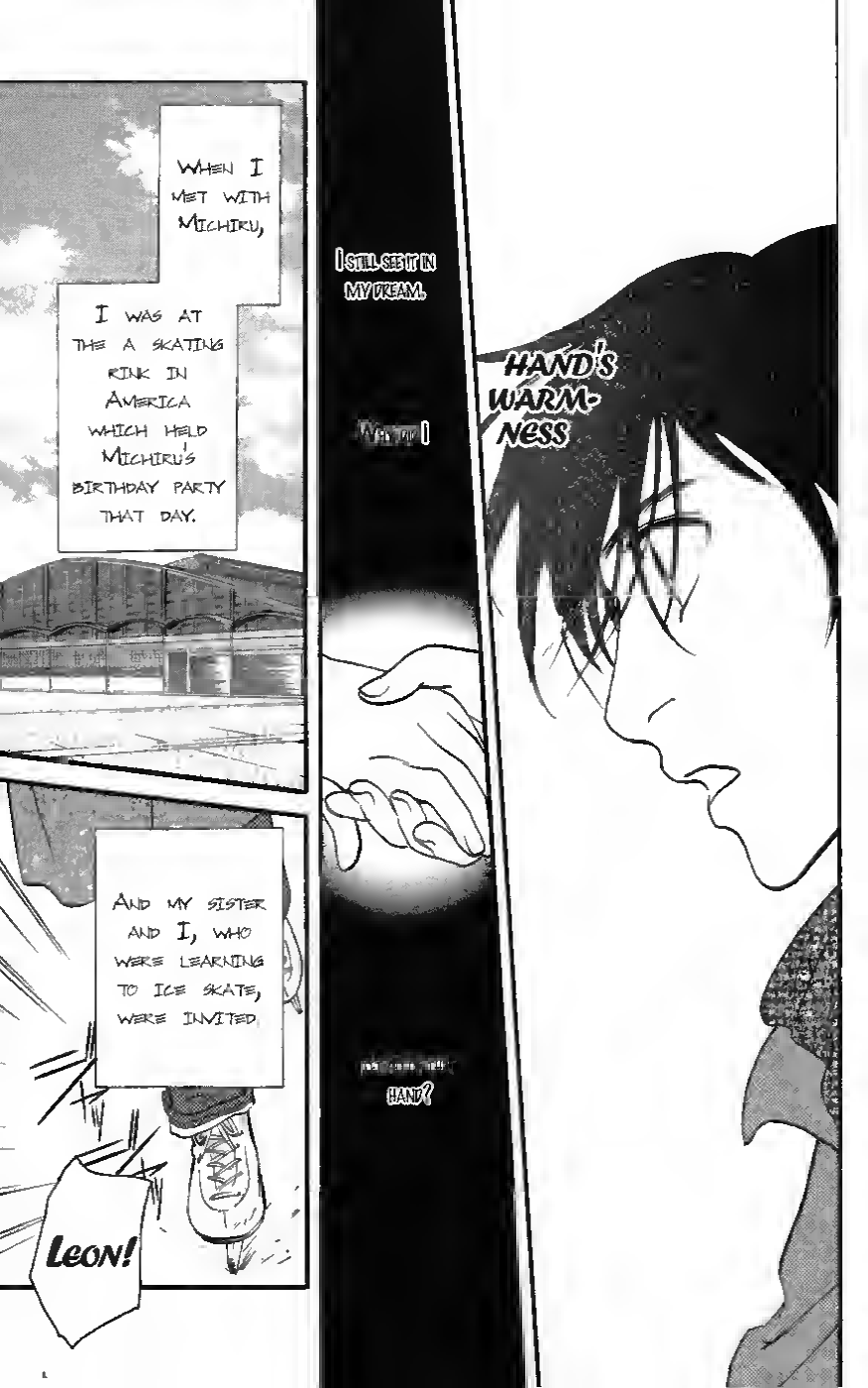
Impressive turn!
Ah...

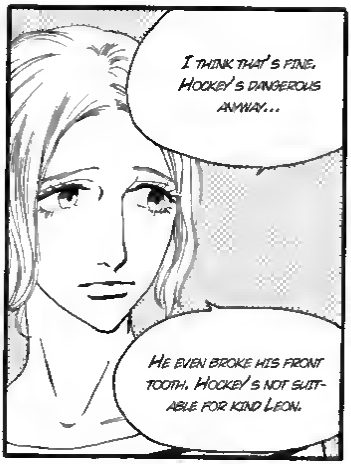

HAND'S WARM-NESS
I STILL SEE IT IN MY DREAM.
WHEN I MET WITH MICHIRU,
I WAS AT THE A SKATING RINK IN AMERICA WHICH HELD MICHIRU'S BIRTHDAY PARTY THAT DAY.
AND MY SISTER AND I, WHO WERE LEARNING TO ICE SKATE, WERE INVITED
LEON!

You're so slow! I don't want to stay with you anymore!
I don't like these rented shoes....
Don't use Japanese, Manon!
We'll be left alone of the circle...
Wow.
Wah... wah.. wah...
ドテッ
Are you Okay?
Ow - ...

ARE YOU MAYU-CHAN'S BROTHER?
IS IT YOUR FIRST TIME SKATING?
NO, NO! I USUALLY PLAY HOCKEY.
I'M NOT USED TO THE FIGURE SHOES...AND I JUST SUDDENLY GOT HIT SO...
ぎゅ
ぎゅ
ううん
……？

She really laughed a lot
Anyway,
Ah, haha! You're...missing one tooth... Ukukuku.
You don't have a tooth...!
Ahahahaha!
Everyone, please come around!
The large cake is here!
I'm Yabuki Yuuya! Can you speak Japanese?
Y.. yeah.
I'm Haruna Leon.
Happy birthday, Michiru!
Happy birthday!

I'm Ayuhara Lena.
Hey, isn't Manon and Leon's dad a musician?
Do you think he can get Eminem's sign for me?
That's why there are a lot of Japanese children. And there's a Japanese school that I go to near here too.
Michiru's mom is the coach of this club.
うむ
We siblings have gone to a normal school due to our parent's wish
What about Justin Timberlake's?
No. My dad is a stage musician so...
I then understood why Manon wanted to go to the skating lesson even when she had a fever.
Um...it's not like that...
You want to quit hockey?
It hasn't been even 2 years since we came to America, and we were already missing Japan very dearly.
There was no bullying, but we were always alone.


I think that's fine. Hockey's dangerous anyway...
He even broke his front tooth. Hockey's not suitable for kind Leon.

What's wrong?
Nothing...
Leon wants to quit hockey and start learning figure skating with Manon.

Manon and I found where we can be.

But Leon, you can't stay with Manon all the time. You have to make friends, ok?
If you say so....

Yeah!
Yay! We can go together!

Her parents are figure athletes too.
Eh? I heard that her father's the president of Kuroki Sports.
That's her second dad.
Wow, Michiru's impressive.
She's already beginning the practice for triple?
Everyone, please get off from the rink... it's time!
It's the lesson for the advanced people after 5.
Her real dad died soon after Michiru was born.

EMBARRASSED.
COME ON - !
GO, YULIYA, GO!
IN THE MORNING, WE HAD LESSON AND TRAININGS
WE PARTICIPATED WITH EVERYONE IN A SUMMER CAMP WITH PRACTICE DRILLS DURING THE SUMMER BREAK
ALONG WITH BARBEQUING UNDER THE SKY FILLED WITH STARS
ALSO BERRY PICKINGS AND HIDE-AND-SEEK
IN THE AFTERNOON, WE DID FISHING, CYCLING, AND BASKETBALL

I got a phone call from Leon-kun's parents.
Seems like that there was a strike at the air port so they can't return from Paris....so both of you can stay at our house tonight.
パリに…
Michiru!
Mow!
You really got tanned, Michiru.
You too, Leon. The skin on your nose's beginning to peel.
Ah.
What's wrong?

My tooth is beginning to grow.
Really? Let me see.
Your friend's here?
Don't stay up too late. Go to sleep now.
My almost growing tooth is ticking.
It's an adult tooth.
You should be careful with it this time.
Is it because Michiru is touching it?
I thought that her face tensed up for a moment.
Suddenly

ニコッ
Yes, Daddy.
It's from when my mom was an ice skating competitioner.
The person whom she's skating with is my real dad.
Wait...that was your dad...? What should I do? I...didn't get to really introduce myself.
Don't worry about it.
Hey, I'll show you something cool.
Aren't they beautiful? They're the legendary couple in Japan.
They entered Olympic with this "Toe Run Dot".

THESE TWO ARE EVEN FRIENDLY DURING THE NORMAL LIFE...
THEY'LL BE WAITING FOR THEIR SCORES IN THE KISS & CRY SEAT.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I WANT TO BECOME AN ATHLETE FOR ICE DANCE...
SO I CAN PERFORM LIKE MY MOM AND DAD IN "TOE RUN DOT"...!
THAT WAS AN AMAZING UNISON FROM OUZENJI AND TAKAISHI PAIR.
THEY'RE ALSO CHALLENGING IN THE HARD™ LEVEL LIFT IN THIS SEASON ALSO.
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I DIDN'T REALLY UNDERSTAND IT AT THAT TIME.
TO ME, ICE DANCE WAS SOMETHING IN THE ADULT WORLD, AND

Hey, Emily. Do me a favor.
Listen closely. Ice dance needs the two people skating closely with each other.
So if you don't do the steps accurately, you won't be able to advance.
First hold.
From hand-in-hand to Kilian.
Now matching with the basic steps to do the one round skewer step.
Spin.
Twirls.
Lift!

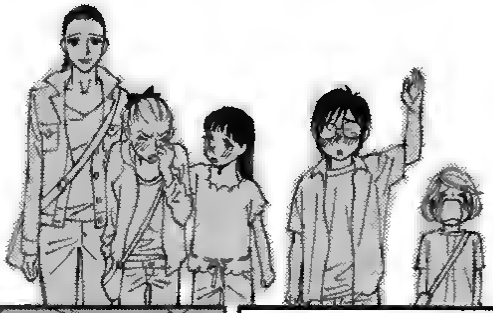
SEE? ISN'T IT REALLY COOL? LEON, ISN'T ICE DANCE BEAUTIFUL?
YEA... YEAH!
MICHIRU WANTS TO IMPROVE REALLY FAST AND
SKATE WITH YOMOTA-SENSEI TOO!
DON'T HOLD ME THAT TIGHT.
YOU'RE HEAVY.
DON'T FIGHT. DON'T FIT.
DON'T MAKE TOO MUCH BRUISES, OR OTHERS WILL THINK THAT I'M ABUSING YOU.
SAY THAT MICHIRU.
SO COACH YOMOTA HAS INCREASED OUR TIME OF ICE DANCE PRACTICE MORE, AND WE IMPROVED.
AND EVENTUALLY MICHIRU'S MOM STARTED GOING COACHING TO THE NEXT STATE MORE FREQUENTLY AND WAS ABSENT MANY TIMES
LEON, YOUR TIMING WITH THE ENTRANCE IS LITTLE LATE.

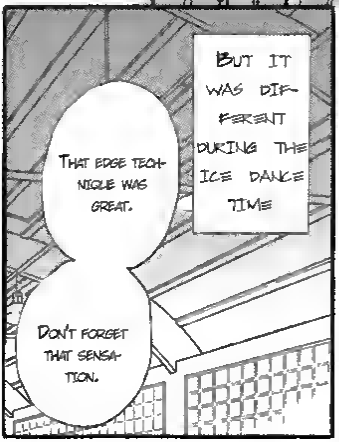
WE BORROWED A COSTUME AND PERFORMED OUR DANCE FOR THE FIRST TIME
YEAH, LEON
WHEN WE HEARD THAT THERE WAS YUUYA'S BIRTHDAY PARTY AT THE RINK,
YEAH!
Nice fighting!
I, WHO WAS SUPPOSED TO LEAD, LOOKED LIKE A MONKEY CHILD WHO LINGERED AROUND MICHIRU
SO THAT SHE WON'T BE FLYING AWAY.
FIGHTING WITH THE CENTRIFUGAL FORCE THAT'S TRYING TO SEPARATE US
ANYHOW, I JUST GRIPPED ONTO HER HAND TIGHTLY

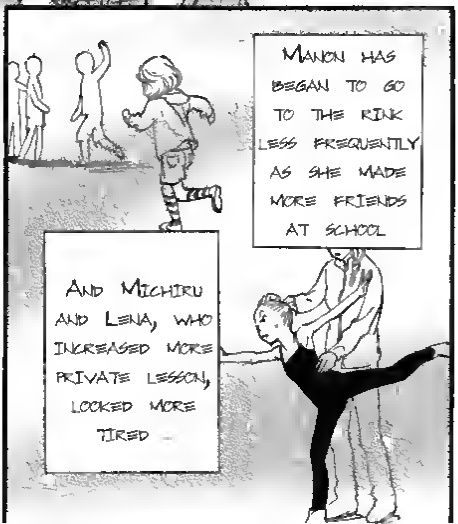
……
… Yuna?
How was it? Did it look like a dance of celebration?
Impressive.
I think I'm going to dream it tonight, the fanatic expression of Leon.
Hey!
…I wish I could've gone to this year's summer camp too…
I'm going back to Japan.

Let's meet at the Olympics!

I'll write Christmas cards!
Don't quit figure!




But it was different during the ice dance time
That edge technique was great.
Don't forget that sensation.


Manon has began to go to the rink less frequently as she made more friends at school
And Michiru and Lena, who increased more private lesson, looked more tired ...

Yes!
The expression when she smiles at Coach Yomota!
It was like a flower blooming.
I was happy just looking at her from the side.
Michiru, you need to go to your grandmother in Japan.
Eh...?
You need to take the "badge test" and register for the organization.
You should be able to enter all Japan as a novice right now if you wanted to.

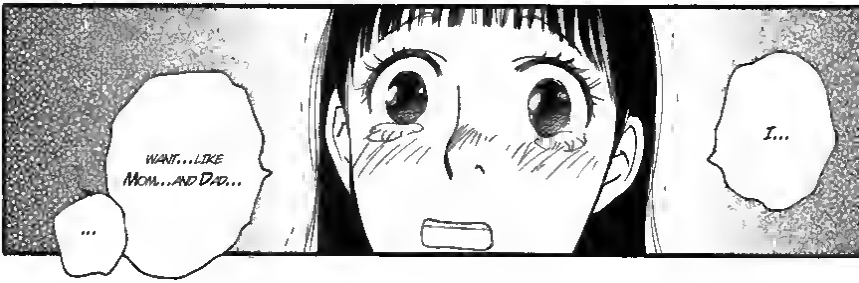
side note:
*Badge test: Taking the test for level. There is from first level to 6th level, and they judge based on jumps and techniques.
*Novice: novice is an elementary student. Junior is middle school. Senior is high school or up.

I won't be able to do ice dance.
Leon won't be in Japan.

Your dad should be able to hand the business in America soon and return to Japan,
so you don't have to worry about not being able to live as a family.
That's why I was letting you go to the Japanese school.
But... Mom...

Enough already!

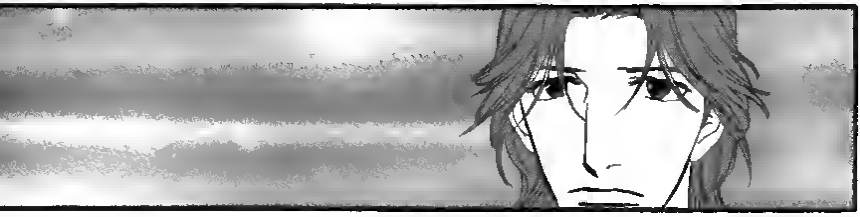
You're saying that again...?
You're going to become a single skater.
But Mom, I...

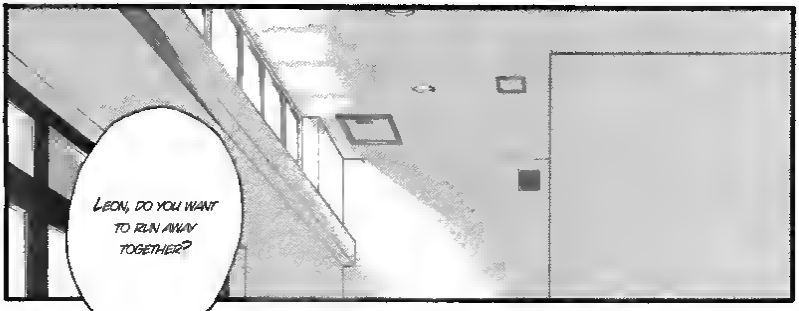

I...
want...like Mom...and Dad...
...

You thought you finally met your life's best partner, then
you lose that person....

Woh, there

Miyuki-san.
It's the other way around... ice dancing...




Leon, do you want to run away together?

Running away!?
That's why.
Of course not. The coach...your mom will get worried!
No! It's dangerous just running away in group of children.
I've never heard of running away with adults.
But it's really dangerous! I heard that there's a lot of kidnapping recently.
Michiru's house is rich...so... so...
You're cute too...
....Leon... you're...
It's fine!
Wai, wait...!
A chicken!

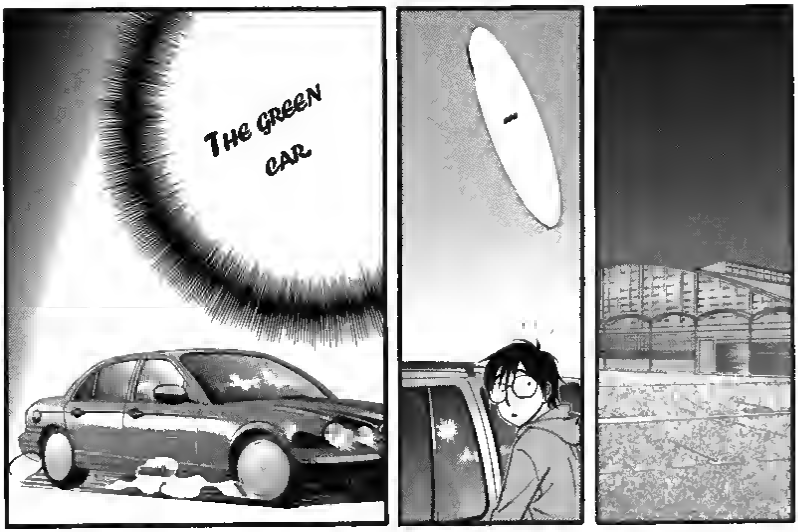
LET ME GO!

YOMOTA-SENSEI'S ARGUING WITH SOMEONE...?
THAT'S SOMETHING YOU DON'T SEE OFTEN.
I THINK I'M HEARING STUPID... AND NO WAY
IS IT IN ENGLISH...? I CAN'T REALLY HEAR.
SERGAY!

EH!? THAT...
YES, PLEASE WAIT FOR ONE MINUTE. I'LL CHECK.
LEON, WHERE DID YOU LAST SEE MICHIRU-CHAN?
EH...WHY... THE LAST TIME..?
THAT NIGHT,
I COULDN'T REALLY GO TO SLEEP.
RRR...

...She's not to be found anywhere.
She hasn't gone home.
I wonder if she got on the green car.
Go to sleep, Manon.
Hello? My son said that he parted with her at the rink.
Michiru disappeared?
I heard that there really was a girl who disappeared from the town next to ours.
They say that a girl who gets on the green car never returns.
You don't know? Everyone's talking about it in school.
...The green car?

ダダダダ
...Hey!? Leon!?
I'm sorry, but now my wife has gone back to her house so I can't really leave my child.
I got it. In the morning, I'll look around my area...
Is it because I declined to go... and she went by herself?
Is it?
You're reckless! You can't go anywhere if you just splint out like that.
Dad.
Let's just go to the rink first.
Yeah!


THE GREEN CAR.
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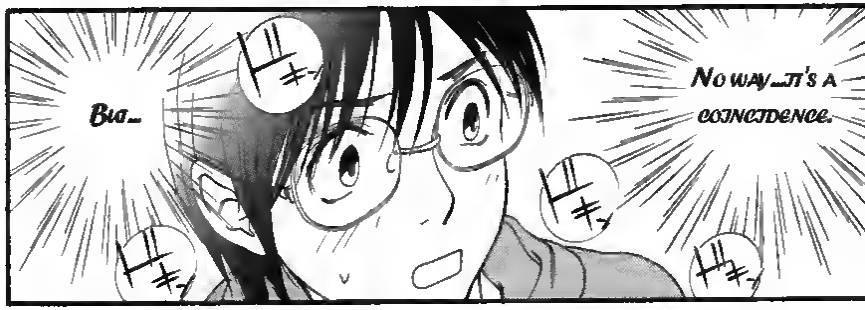
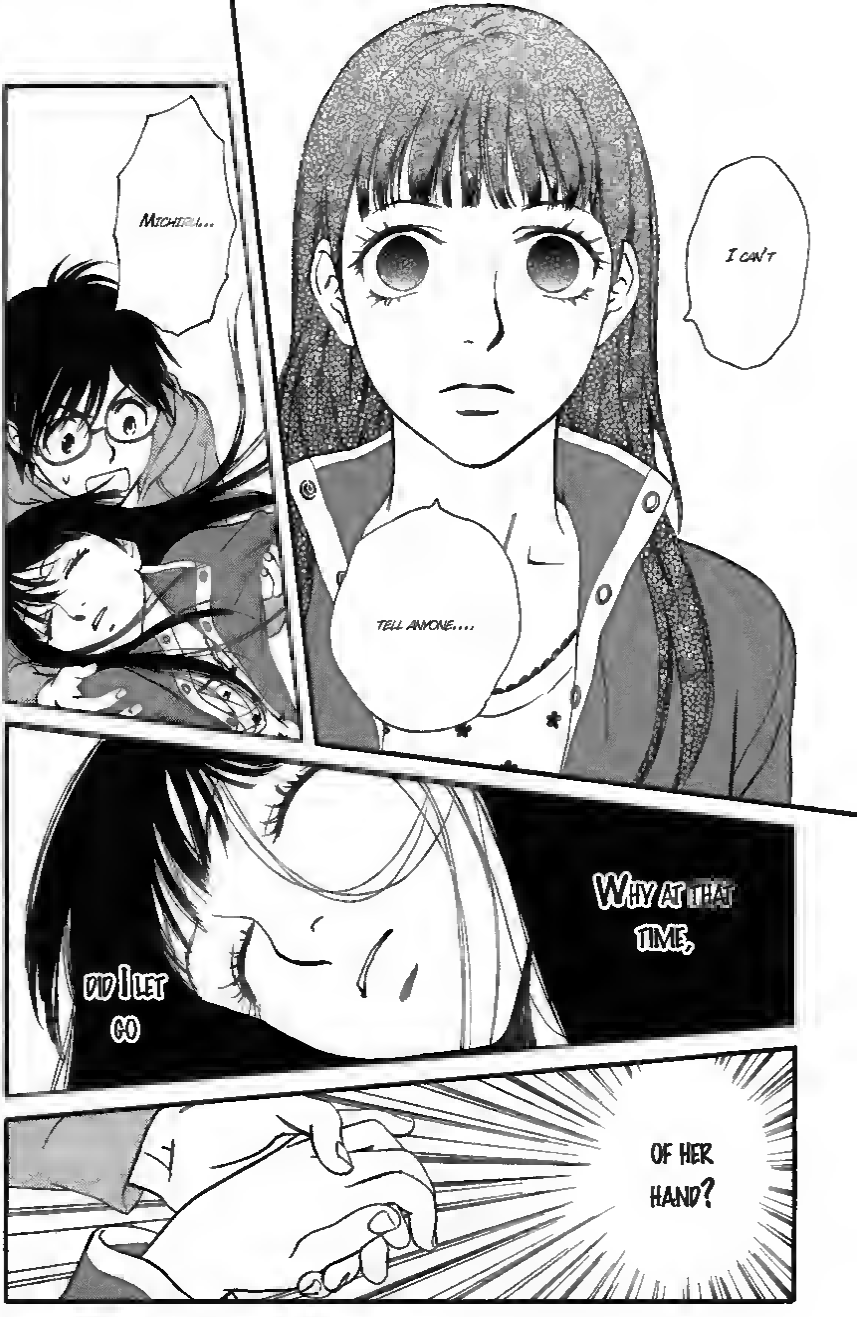

BUT...
NO WAY...IT'S A COINCIDENCE.

WHERE ARE YOU GOING!? DON'T GET AWAY FROM YOUR DAD!

THERE'S A LIGHT INSIDE...?
KUROKI SK
KUROKI SKATING RINK
WHAT WERE YOU DOING!? EVERYONE WAS LOOKING...
...I CAN'T...
EH?
MICHIRU!


MICHI...!!
I CAN'T
TELL ANYONE....
WHY AT THAT TIME,
DID I LET GO
OF HER HAND?

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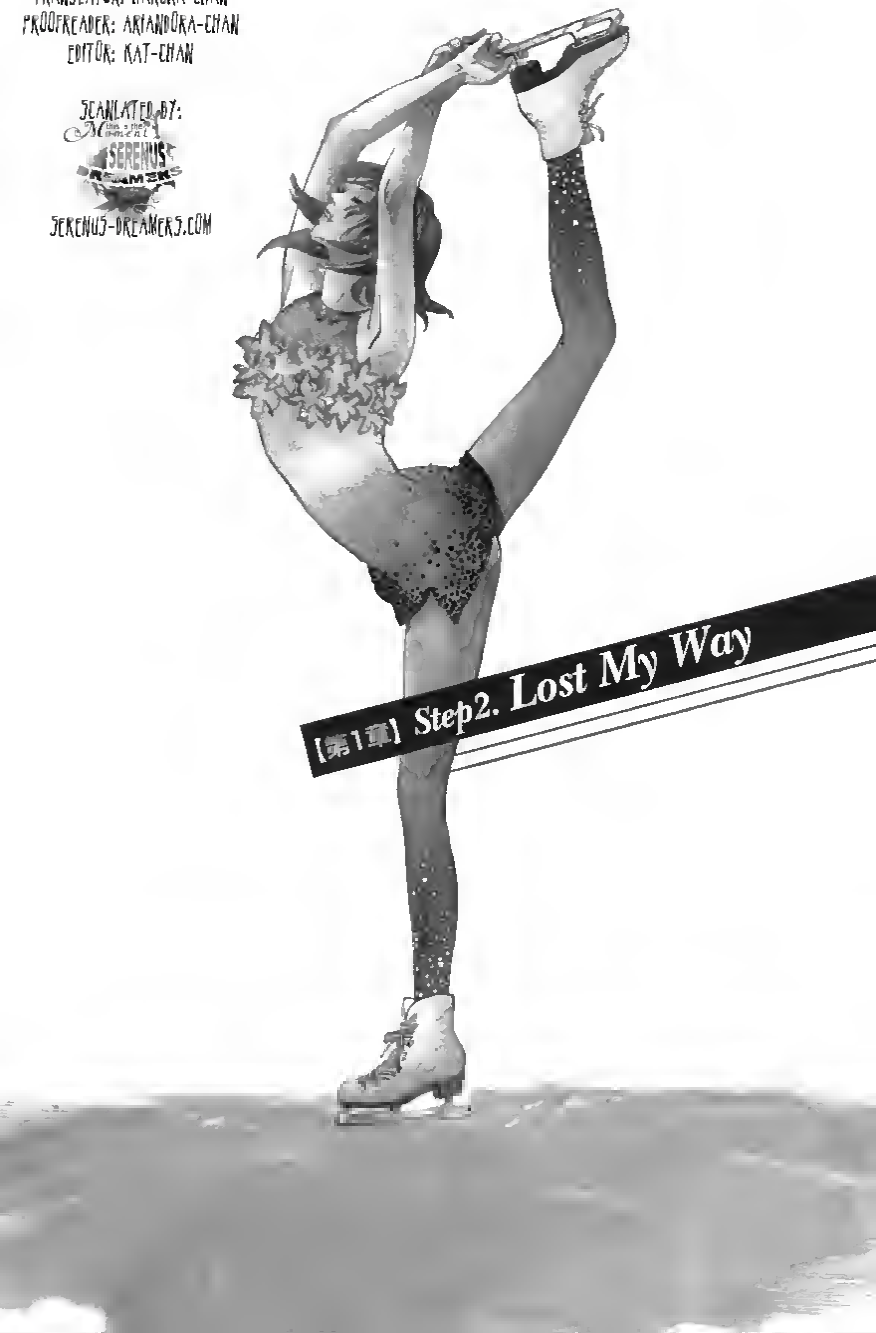

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I HAVE TO SIGN AN IMPORTANT CONTRACT NEXT WEEK. I DON'T WANT ANYTHING THAT'LL AFFECT THAT.
BUT...
DON'T CALL THE POLICE.
THERE WERE WEIRD MARKS ON HER WRIST...
AND WHEN I TRIED TO LOOK AT HER BODY, SHE REFUSED.
ISN'T THAT WEIRD? SHE ONLY USES JAPANESE WHEN WE'RE TALKING.
WHENEVER I ASK HER A QUESTION, SHE JUST REPLIES "I WAS LOST."
IF SHE SAID THAT SHE WAS LOST, THEN SHE PROBABLY WAS LOST.
IF YOU'RE THAT WORRIED, LET HER TAKE SOME COUNSELING OR SOMETHING. BUT WAIT UNTIL YOU TAKE HER BACK TO JAPAN.

MICHIRU?
YOU DON'T WANT IT? ARE YOU STILL FEELING ILL?
TELL ME WHAT'S WRONG WITH YOU.
I BROUGHT YOU SOME GINGER TEA. YOU LIKE IT, DON'T YOU? DRINK SOME.
I WAS LOST

MICHIRU...

I DIDN'T GET TO SEE MICHIRU AGAIN TODAY.

WHY CAN'T I WAKE UP....
AND TURN INTO AN ADULT...?

IT'S BECAUSE I'M A CHILD..
I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO IN THESE CASES.

Michiru, I want to become an adult just for you

I'd be definitely able to reassure Michiru and make her laugh
Yeah, if I was an adult like Coach Yamata,

I HEARD THAT SHE HAD A COLD.
THEY SAID IT MIGHT'VE BEEN INFLU-ENZA
. . . .
. . . . . .

MICHIRU DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL TODAY.

COACH YOMOTA'S BEEN ABSENT RECENTLY TOO
I DON'T HAVE ANY TROUBLE SINCE MY TEACHER'S COACH PETRONA...BUT
IT RUINS MY HAPPY, ROMANTIC TENSION-
...WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY!?
STAFF ONLY
WHAT'S THAT?
DID SOMETHING HAPPEN?
DID YOU JUST SAY...
THAT COACH YOMOTA...HAS DIED...?
...YOU CAN'T BE SERIOUS...

Miyuki? ...Are you ok?
Did you hear what I said, Miyuki?
The apartment manager found him this morning.
There was trace of violence and the room was a mess...so the police thinks it's a robbery.

WE ONLY HAVE THIS BLACK DRESS
THIS MIGHT BE A LITTLE THIN, BUT IT'LL HAVE TO DO

PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR MOM ONCE MORE...
...WHY ARE YOU SO QUIET AT A TIME LIKE THIS?
PLEASE SAY SOMETHING, ANYTHING.
WE'RE GOING TO SAY GOOD-BYE TO COACH YOMOTA.
We all gathered at the lmk and mourned for his death.
The day that coach Yomota's body was getting sent to Japan,

HE PROBABLY CAME FROM JAPAN TO GET HIS BROTHER
HE'S COACH'S BROTHER... A SINGLE'S PLAYER.
THAT'S YOMOTA HIKARU.
WHO?
HE WAS 6TH IN WORLD'S JUNIOR AND 10TH THIS YEAR.
IT'S FINE... YOU MUST BE TIRED TOO, HIKARU-KUN.
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF EVERYTHING.
WELL... I'LL BE BORROWING THE LINK.

"MOONLIGHT".
IT WAS YOMOTA-KUN'S BEST ONE FROM HIS TIME IN SINGLES

there were no emotion or changes in Michiru's facial expression
Even when coach Yamuta, her favorite coach, had died,

...BUT...
THERE'S GONNA BE A FESTIVAL TOMORROW AT THE PARK. WHY DON'T YOU INVITE HER?

They were still unable to capture the criminals who attacked the coach
And the day that Michiru was leaving to Japan was approaching
I HEARD THAT MICHIRU-CHAN'S STILL LIKE THAT?

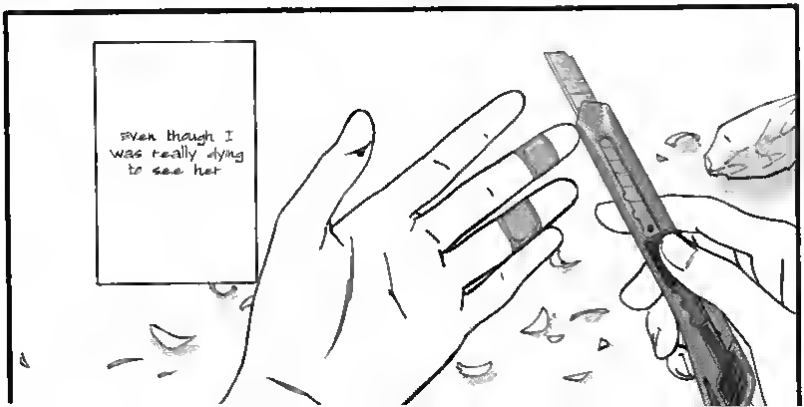
tell me those things,
Even if you
...

ISN'T THIS THE BEST TIME FOR THE APPEARANCE OF A PRINCE?

I was still thinking that if I'd stopped her then, she wouldn't have gotten lost

When I thought about that, I'd lose my courage to see her

Even though I was really dying to see her

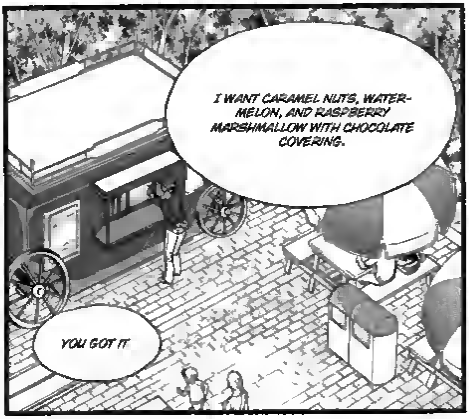


ARE THESE ALL THE STUFF YOU HAVE?
YES, THANK YOU!
MICHIRU?
OH, MY, LEON-KUN.
TOKYO

WH...
THIS ...UM... WELL...
WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO YOU?
TOKYO
UM...
THIS...
SKATING SHOES
....
I MADE IT AND IT LOOKS BAD, BUT IT'S STILL SKATING SHOES
YEAH, YOU'RE RIGHT!
IF YOU'D LIKE, I'LL GIVE...
ACTUALLY, WILL YOU ACCEPT IT?
KYO
H..

THANK YOU.
Even though it was the day for a good-bye, my heart was filled with joy
Michiru's voice and smile that I haven't seen in 2 weeks
TOKYO

And the time had moved on



YES! I WAS LIKE 'WHO THE HECK ARE YOU?'!
I'M SURPRISED- WE HAVE TO BE CAREFUL TOO ...APART FROM THAT, LAST MONTH, MIKE WAS...
...

EH-!? SHE GOT THAT FAT!?
ボン

...

IF YOU'D LIKE, I'LL GIVE THIS TO YOU.
♡

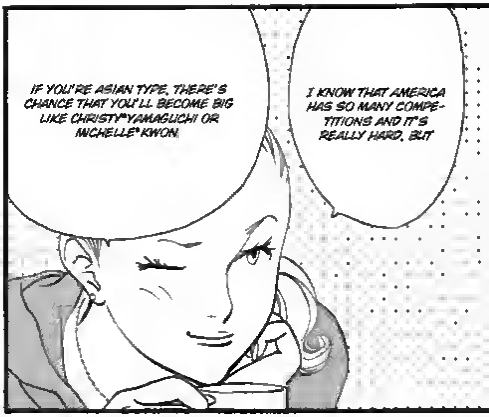
HEY- YOU, LITTLE BOY THERE,

HEY, BOY, DO YOU HAVE A FLAT TIRE? DO YOU NEED A RIDE?
AH - THAT'D BE GREAT
I NEED TO GO KUROKI SKATING LINK...
OK! THE COMPETITION HAD ALREADY STARTED THOUGH
I WAS GOING TO SEE MY GRANDAUGHTER'S, BUT I ACCIDENTALLY FELL ASLEEP...
TODAY'S LIKE THE FRIENDLY COMPETITION BETWEEN THE CLUBS.
OF FIGURE SKATING!
THE COMPETITION?

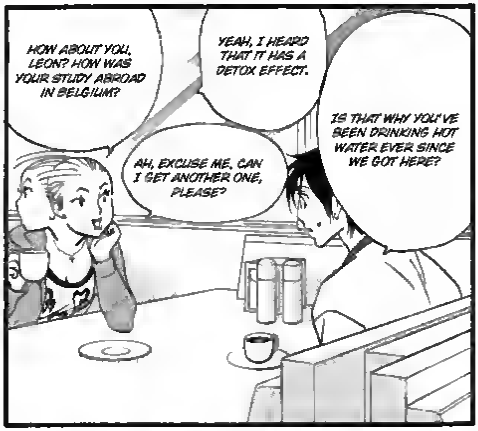
IT'S TRIPLE AXLE!
THAT'S INCREDIBLE!!
WHAT HAPPENED-
はははは
MAYBE HER BUTT WAS TOO HEAVY-
WAH!
WAOH!
WAOH!

Woman single's Winner is Kuroki FSC's Lena*Ayuhara!
THAT'S WHY I HATE LOCAL TOURNAMENTS!
GOD!
LEON!
CONGRATULATION, LENA.
DINER
PARKING!!
YEAH, I'M HALF SO I DON'T WANNA WORRY ABOUT THAT STUFF.
I GUESS YOU COULD PUT IT THAT WAY...
...I HEARD THAT YOU'RE CHANGING YOUR NATIONALITY TO AMERICAN, LENA?

WOW-!
TO TELL YOU THE TRUTH, I ALREADY GOT A SPONSOR.
...BUT THEY SAID THAT THEY WON'T RENEW THE CONTRACT IF I GAIN ANYMORE WEIGHT...


I KNOW THAT AMERICA HAS SO MANY COMPETITIONS AND IT'S REALLY HARD, BUT
IF YOU'RE ASIAN TYPE, THERE'S CHANCE THAT YOU'LL BECOME BIG LIKE CHRISTY*YAMAGUCHI OR MICHELLE*KWON.

IT'S GOOD. THE FOOD FITS ME TOO.
IT'S IRONIC HOW YOU STARTED BALLET FOR FIGURE BUT ENDING UP LIKING THAT ONE MORE


HOW ABOUT YOU, LEON? HOW WAS YOUR STUDY ABROAD IN BELGIUM?
YEAH, I HEARD THAT IT HAS A DETOX EFFECT.
IS THAT WHY YOU'VE BEEN DRINKING HOT WATER EVER SINCE WE GOT HERE?
AH, EXCUSE ME, CAN I GET ANOTHER ONE, PLEASE?

MORE OF COMPETITION. I DON'T THINK THAT WAS REALLY FOR ME...
YEAH, BUT SKATING WAS...

I'M SO ENVIOUS OF YOU AND MICHIRU!
I'M SO JEALOUS- WHEN I HAD CONSCIENCE I WAS ALREADY A PIGLET.
ブヒ
HOW MUCH RIGHT NOW? YOUR HEIGHT.
NO, I JUST THOUGHT THAT YOU GREW A LOT.
NOW'S LIKE...178CM.
HOW MUCH IS THAT IN FEET?
ABOUT 5 FEET 11 INCHES.
.. WHAT?
...YOU MET MICHIRU?
WHEN SHE WASN'T THAT FAT
WHEN WAS THAT? I WAS TALKING TO HER ABOUT THE OLD STORIES IN THE CHANGING ROOM...
YUUYA THAT TIME WAS HILARIOUS!
SEVERAL TIMES AT JUNIOR'S COMPETITION
BESIDES, SHE'S LIKE THIS YEAR'S WORLD JUNIOR QUEEN. EVERYBODY KNOWS HER.

I CAN REMEMBER SOME... BUT... SORRY...
SORRY... I DON'T REMEMBER MUCH OF WHAT HAPPENED WHEN I WAS IN AMERICA.
SHE HAD AWKWARD SMILE ON HER FACE WHILE LISTENING TO MY STORY.
SO I ASKED HER 'WHAT'S WRONG?' AND SHE SAID
I DON'T REALIZE THAT IT HURTS OR IT'S PAINFUL.
ESPECIALLY WHEN I'M DOING BAD...
UNTIL I REALIZE, I'VE ALREADY DONE IT...
I GET THAT COMMENT A LOT... BUT,
ARE YOU SURE YOU'RE NOT DOING TOO MUCH DURING THE PRACTICE?
And I saw her taping around her body a lot so
...I THINK THAT'S LITTLE BEYOND THE LIMIT.
I OFTEN JUMP TOO MUCH AND HURT MY LEGS TOO.

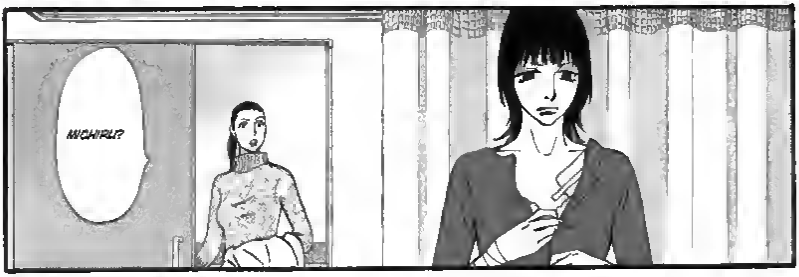
.....
I remembered that "day" from 6 years ago
AND SHE HAS A REALLY DIFFERENT ATMOSPHERE AROUND HER THAN BEFORE TOO.
SHE DOESN'T EVEN TALK TO OTHER PLAYERS NOR SMILE WITH THEM.
SHE DOESN'T HAVE TOO MUCH OF GOOD REPUTATION AMONG THEM.
Everything had changed since that "day." She hasn't changed ever since.
she's not different from "the past."
MICHIRU'S SPECIAL.
SHE'S MY CHILDHOOD FRIEND.
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S YOUR RIVAL, YOU'RE STILL WORRIED?
I THINK SHE'S ENTERING THIS SEASON'S SENIOR COMPETITION SO I THINK I'LL MEET HER AGAIN.
I'LL SEE HOW SHE'S DOING AND E-MAIL YOU.

This is the first round of grand champion series We will be announcing live from Atlantic*City
Woman singles free, the next skater will be
I think that's because we all have a special "bond" of some sort
I understand well how Lena felt
YOU'RE YOUNGER THAN ME SO DON'T LOOK DOWN ON ME!
I CAN'T HELP THAT
song will be "carmina burana"
Michiru*kuroki, this competition will be her senior debut
..NN?

MI...MICHIRU!?
LENA, YOUR 6 MINUTE PRACTICE IS STARTING SOON...
UM, WHAT HAPPENED TO MICHIRU KUROSAKI?
SHE JUST FELL AND HURT HER FOOT. YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT ANY-THING.
BUT... IS SHE REALLY OK?
OF COURSE!
WHY ARE YOU EVEN WORRY-ING ABOUT OTHER SKATERS?
MICHIRU...!

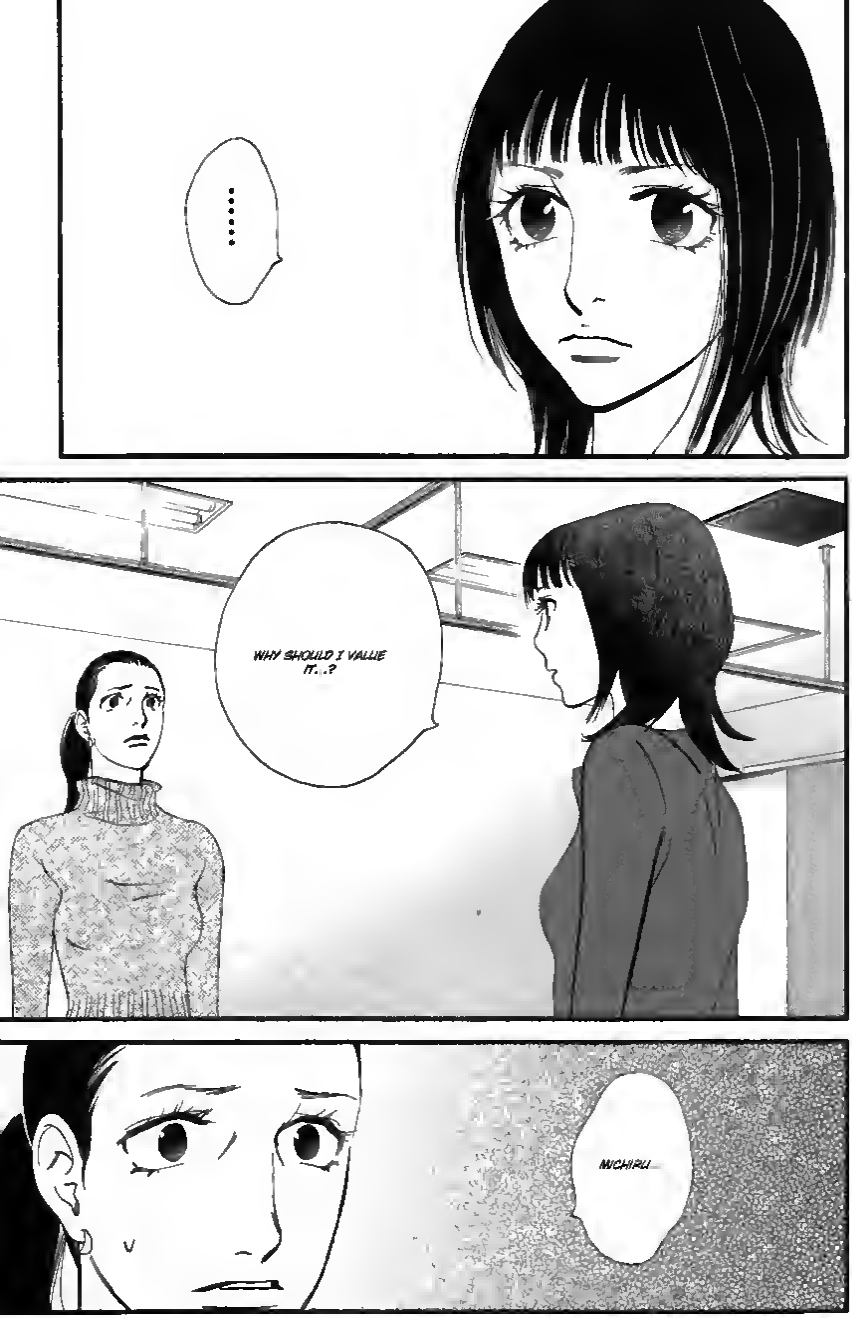
IT DEPENDENTS ON HER PHYSICAL CONDITION, SO IT'S DIFFICULT TO RECOVER USING SURGERY.
YOU COULD TRAIN THE MUSCLE AROUND THOSE AREAS.
LASTLY, REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF PRACTICE IN JUMPING

IT MAY BE BONE CONTUSION
WE'LL RECOMMEND FURTHER INVESTIGATION WHEN YOU RETURN BACK TO JAPAN.
IT USUALLY IS CAUSED BY PLAYERS WHO EXTEND JUMPS BEYOND THEIR REACH HURTING THEIR JOINTS


MICHIRU?

YOU TRIED TO JUMP QUADRUPLE TURN TODAY, RIGHT?
IF YOU CONTINUE TO BE RECKLESS, YOU'RE ONLY SHORTENING YOUR SPORTS LIFE.
WHY CAN'T YOU VALUE YOUR BODY MORE!?

YOU CAN'T WALK YET! IT'S JUST THE PAIN-KILLER WORKING RIGHT NOW.
THE PROMISE FOR AN INTERVIEW
OF COURSE I CANCELLED IT!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WHY SHOULD I VALUE IT...?
MICHIRU...

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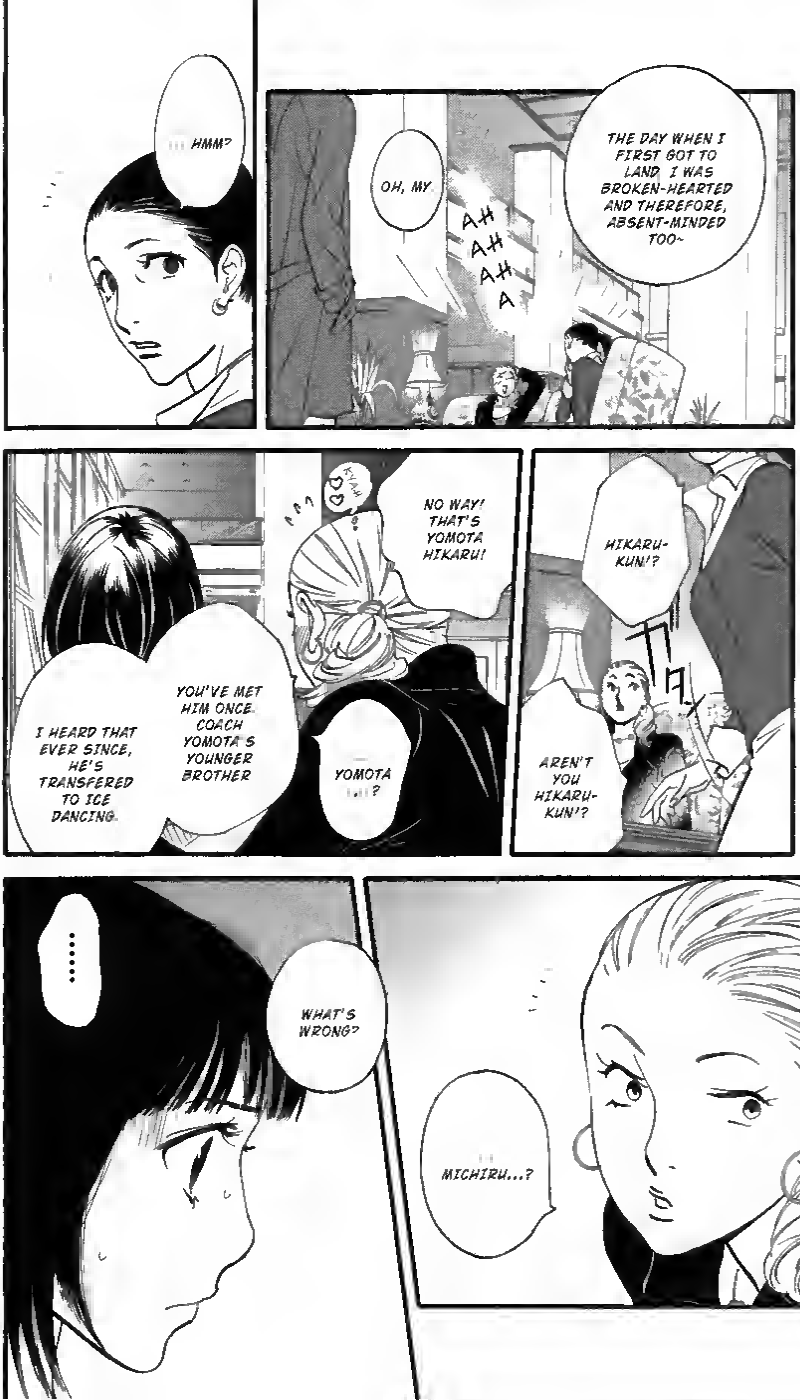
UWAH- THAT SOUNDS PAINFUL...!
IT'S LIKE ONE BONE COLLIDING WITH ANOTHER
...BONE CONTUSION?
YEAH
IT CAN BE CURED, RIGHT?
I DON'T KNOW...I'LL GO BACK TO JAPAN AND SEE
DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT, LENA.
GETTING 6TH PLACE IN THE FIRST COMPETITION WAS WAY BEYOND MY IMAGINATION
MY PROGRAM COMPONENTS* WERE LITTLE TERRIBLE, BUT
I GOT TO LAND TRIPLE AXLE IN 3 YEARS!
ANYWAYS, I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WORRIED ABOUT HER
NOT AT ALL

*PROGRAM COMPONENTS ACTING, CHOREOGRAPHY UNDERSTAND OF THE SONG SKATING TECHNIQUE ELEMENTS THAT MAKE UP THE 5 FACTORS OF SCORING


HMM?
OH, MY
AH AH AH A
THE DAY WHEN I FIRST GOT TO LAND, I WAS BROKEN-HEARTED AND THEREFORE, ABSENT-MINDED TOO~
NO WAY! THAT'S YOMOTA HIKARU!
YOMOTA ...!?
YOU'VE MET HIM ONCE. COACH YOMOTA'S YOUNGER BROTHER
I HEARD THAT EVER SINCE, HE'S TRANSFERED TO ICE DANCING.
HIKARU-KUN!?
AREN'T YOU HIKARU-KUN!?
.....
WHAT'S WRONG?
MICHIRU...?

SMILES!
THOSE ARE LENA AND MICHIRU. THEY'VE GROWN A LOT, DON'T YOU THINK?
OH, YOU CAME ALL THE WAY TO GREET?
NOW I REMEMBER, AMERICA IS WHERE THE PRACTICES ARE HELD.
HOW IS YOUR NEW PARTNER?
DON'T TELL ANYONE.
YES, YOMOTA-SENSEI.
YOMOTA-SENSEI
DON'T FORGET THAT FEELING.
IF YOU DON'T STEP PRECISELY
YOUR TIMING FOR RIDING-IN WILL BE SLOW

SENSEI...
DON'T
TELL ANY-ONE
NO
NO

MICHIRU!
COMES BACK!

SORRY
JUST...
SHE SAID THAT AND LEFT FOR THE TOILET I WAS WORRIED SO I WENT TO LOOK AND SAW HER THROWING UP
SHE SEEMED CRYING TOO
WHEN I TOUCHED HER HANDS THEY WERE REALLY COLD AT FIRST I THOUGHT HER INJURED FOOT WAS HURTING BUT
LENA....
SHE SAID IT WITH SUCH A SERIOUS FACE

I...POSSIBLY...
HAVE SEEN YOMOTA-SENSEI DYING

EH!?
...EH!?

AND MICHIRU SAID "DON'T TELL MY MOM." BESIDES I DIDN'T EVEN FEEL LIKE SAYING ANYTHING.
BUT RIGHT AFTER THAT KUROKI-SENSEI CAME IN AND THE TALK ENDED THERE.
BUT... THE COACH WAS KILLED BY BURGULAR IN HIS APART-MENT...
LEON, I'M REALLY WORRIED ABOUT MICHIRU. I HEARD THAT ALL OF HER THIS SEASON'S COMPETITION ENTRY WAS CANCELLED.
TAPS
LEON!
DO YOU HAVE ANY PLANS GOING BACK TO JAPAN?
I WANT YOU TO BE BY MICHIRU.
.....

SO WHY ARE YOU HERE TODAY?
I GOT CALLED BECAUSE THEY FOUND OUT ABOUT A SCANDAL DURING MY SCHOOL PROGRAM...
EH!
I'M KIDDING I'M KIDDING
AH, TAKESHI-SAN! THANK YOU FOR LAST WEEK'S DINNER
YOU'RE WELCOME
YES, THEY WERE REALLY GREAT!
ISN'T MY WIFE A GREAT COOK?
I'M JUST HERE FOR SCOUTING
YOU'VE HEARD ABOUT SPECIAL COMPANY OF STATE THEATER, RIGHT?
THIS TIME, I'M GOING BACK TO JAPAN AND DOING CHOREOGRAPHY
LENA, IT'LL BE A LITTLE AHEAD, BUT SEEMS LIKE I'LL BE GOING TO JAPAN
WOMANLY ADVANCING
IF YOU HAVEN'T DECIDED WHAT TO DO AFTER THE GRADUATION, PLEASE COME TO OUR COMPANY ♡
SO BASICALLY, I'M HERE TO OFFER YOU A FUTURE JOB FOR MY WONDERFUL LEON-KUN

I'LL GO VISIT MICHIRU TOO SHE REMEMBERS ME, RIGHT ?
I'M SORRY, BUT I CAN'T GUARANTEE THAT
MY SENPAI DANCER S GOUDA TAKESHI-SAN HAS INVITED ME TO HIS COMPANY IN JAPAN (THIS IS REALLY AN HONOR)
REALLY-
DIET CHIPS
CLICKS
MICHIRU WHEN IT'S TIME FOR THE NEXT FALL TO COME, I'LL BE COMING TO SEE YOU

EH? ...NO, IT'S NOT THAT WE DON'T LIKE LIVING IN A MANSION
IT'S ALMOST TOO BIG FOR US TO LIVE IN
...WHY DID THE PLAN DELAY FOR 3 YEARS ALREADY?
MICHIRU IS IN HER TOUCH ADOLESCENCE PERIOD AND I WANT HER TO LIVE IN A NORMAL LIFESTYLE WITH HER FAMILY
EVEN THOUGH SHE'S PUT SO MUCH INTO SKATING ALMOST DAMAGING HER BODY....NOW SHE'S SAYING SHE WANTS TO QUIT.
SINCE SHE'S INJURED TOO, SHE SEEMS BECOMING MORE ODD
EH? NO, IT'S HEALED ALREADY... IT'S JUST THAT SHE CAN'T DO THE JUMPS ...

COLLEGE WILL BE THE RECOMMENDED ONE... YES, THAT'LL BE NO PROBLEM.
OK... OK, I'LL JUST WAIT FOR YOU.
...GOOD MORNING, MOM.
GOOD MORNING.
I'VE SHINED THAT FOR YOU SINCE IT HAD A LOT OF DUST ON IT.
YOU HAVEN'T CLEANED IT IN ALMOST A MONTH, RIGHT?

THERE'S A GOOD COACH...HER NAME IS MARY DANDUWA SHE WAS MY SENPAI SKATER
SHE MARRIED A JAPANESE PERSON, AND NOW SHE TEACHES IN JAPAN
LET'S GO SEE HER TOMORROW...OK?
MICHIRU,
DO YOU WANT TO DO ICE DANCE?
YOU LIKED IT, RIGHT? ICE DANCING?
ASAO
SKATE CENTER
RUMBLING ?
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
MICHIRU-!
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
WAIT HERE, I'LL GO CALL HER

HUGS!
TAP TAP TAP TAP
YOU'VE GROWN SO MUCH-! DO YOU REMEMBER THAT WE'VE MET WHEN YOU WERE STILL YOUNG?
I'VE BEEN HEARING A LOT ABOUT YOUR CONSPICUOUS STORIES. MICHIRU'S SKATING SKILL IS WONDERFUL.
YOUR ICE DANCING WILL PROBABLY BE WONDERFUL TOO.
ARE YOU LIVING BEAUTIFULLY TODAY AS WELL?
EH....?

THE MOST IMPORTANT THING IN A PERSON'S LIFE IS LIVING BEAUTIFULLY!
I DON'T WANT TO TEACH TO ANYONE WHO CAN'T DO THAT.
.....
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE A COMPETETOR IN ICE DANCING, YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE A TEST.
SINCE MICHIRU IS 7TH LEVEL IN THE SINGLES, YOU'LL BE OK WITH BRONZE*, RIGHT?
TO DO THAT, YOU FIRST SHOULD NEED A PARTNER.
HIKARU!

*BRONZE A LEVEL ACCORDING TO THE SKILLS IN ICE DANCING. FROM THE FIRST PRELIM. NARY TO GOLD. THERE ARE 8 LEVELS. BRONZE IS 4TH ONE FROM THE BOTTOM.

WOW....
MARY, DON'T SAY IT LIKE THAT WAY
SEVERELY
HIKARU JUST GOT TURNED DOWN BY HIS PARTNERR
OH, HIKARU-KUN, YOU'RE BACK IN JAPAN?
SWING ROLL
CHASSE
MOHAWK
THREE TURN
I'M IMPRESSED! THEY'RE ABLE TO PAIR UP AND SKATE.
SHE WAS TAUGHT A LOT BY COACH YOMOTA WHEN SHE WAS LITTLE...
AND WITH THE SINGLES SHOES
NNN, THAT'S NOT ALL...

....EASY TO SKATE...
....THIS IS....?
WAS IT MICHIRU-CHAN?
LAST YEAR, WHEN WE MET IN AMERICA
WHY DID YOU RUN AWAY WHEN YOU SAW MY FACE?
OH, WATCH OUT.
GRIT!
....LET GO OF ME.

WAIT!
RUNS
RUNS!
HEY ...
PUSHES AWAY
EH?
AH... HEY!
HEY, HIKARU-! DID YOU DO SOMETHING PERVERTED!?
WHAT THE HECK...
WHAT HAPPENED!?
I DON'T WANT...
TO REMEMBER ANYMORE THAN RIGHT NOW
TAPS...

HM, YOU'RE JUST GOING TO HANG UP?
YEAH... BECAUSE IT'S MY MOM
AH- YOU'RE SKIPPING SKATING AGAIN, AREN'T YOU
OH?
WHO? WHO?
PRRRRR!
SORRY, IT'S MINE..
THAT PLACE'S ICE CREAM IS INCREDIBLE
YEAH~ IT'S SO ADDICTING-
I'VE QUIT ALREADY
I'M NOT SKIPPING.
EH- I DON'T KNOW
...WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE TO YOU?
HEY, HEY, THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
A GUM WHEN YOU WRAP IT AND THROW IT AWAY?
HEY. I WAS WONDERING BEFORE TOO, BUT
WHAT IS. THIS?
AH- I WAS REALLY CURIOUS TOO!

GIGGLES
ISN'T IT A CAR? SINCE IT'S WHITE, IT'S AN AMBULANCE?
DON'T LAUGH AND TELL US.
I WANT TO THROW IT AWAY, BUT IT'S SOMETHING THAT I CAN'T THROW IT AWAY.
WHAT?
A WEIRD GIRL COMMENT?
...
WHAT'S WITH THAT WOMAN?
A FOREIGNER?
CROWDS...
IT'S STILL SEPTEMBER, BUT SHE'S ALREADY WEARING FUR COAT-
MICHIRU,
I'M HERE TO PICK YOU UP.

MICHIRU,
BUT...
IT'S NOT GOOD IF I JUST WALK AWAY WITH IT...
IT WAS A PROMISE TO GET YOU TILL PRE-GOLD. I'VE ALREADY RECEIVED THE COACHING FEE TOO.
AH...UM, DANDUWA-SENSEI.
DON'T WORRY. I'VE GOTTEN YOUR SHOES AND LESSON CLOTHES FROM MIYUKI ALREADY.
OK, LET'S GO TO THE RINK NOW.
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
.....
IT'S NOT BEAUTIFUL TO RUN AWAY.
ING!

THAT'S A CUTE SKATING SHOE.
EH.
THIS...LOOKS LIKE A SKATING SHOE TO YOU?
OF COURSE? WAS I WRONG?
NO...IT IS A SKATING SHOE
I HEARD THAT BEFORE YOU PRACTICED SO MUCH THAT YOU'D EVEN DAMAGE YOUR OWN BODY.
WHY DID YOU SUDDENLY NOT WANT TO SKATE ANYMORE?
.....
...IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T WANT TO SKATE ANY-MORE...
IT'S THAT I CAN'T STOP SKATING....
I'M SCARED OF SKATING.

SENSEI, YOU'VE SAID . THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO LIVE BEAUTIFULLY, BUT
MY LIFE ISN'T BEAUTIFUL.
IT'S DIRTY.
I DON'T UNDERSTAND IT THAT MUCH... BUT I THINK SO
BUT WHEN I'M ON THE ICE...
AND WHEN I CAN SKATE WELL, I CAN FORGET ABOUT THAT.
IF I'M NOT, I'M JUST SUFFERING. THAT'S WHY...
IF IT CONTINUES TO BE THAT WAY, I WON'T BE ABLE TO LIVE WITHOUT SKATING.
I WON'T BE ABLE TO TAKE OFF THE SHOES UNTIL I DIE LIKE THE DANCER IN THE "RED SLIPPERS"...

TABACCO IS BAD FOR YOUR BODY
FU-
LIGHT!
BRAKES!
EVEN THOUGH YOU KNOW THAT, YOU STILL SMOKE IT
BECAUSE HUMAN'S WEAK
ALCOHOL, COFFEE, RELIGION, LOVER... DEPENDING ON MANY DIFFERENT THINGS
I UNDERSTAND YOUR SCARED FEELING OF DROWNING INTO SOMETHING.
BUT, IT'S NECESSARY FOR DROWNING EXPERIENCE TO HAPPEN WHEN YOU'RE YOUNG.
WHEN YOU FACE YOUR WEAKNESS, YOU GET TO BE STRONG FOR THE FIRST TIME.

THAT'S WHY THERE ARE ADULTS WHO HELP YOU.
MIYUKI, HIKARU, AND I WON'T LEAVE YOU ALONE BY YOURSELF.
WE'LL DEFINITELY HELP.
SO DON'T BE SCARED.
THAT WAS A WELL-DONE JOB, MICHIRU.
SO WELL THAT I WANT YOU GUYS TO JUST COUPLE UP AND COMPETE.
ASAC
ATE CENTER
SLIDES!

THAT WAS HIKARU-SAN'S ....
DON'T BLOCK MY WAY
WHY WOULD YOU EVEN PUT YOUR FEET THERE?
AH- AH- JUST GET OUT QUICKLY. THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE TRAINS
HIKARU GROW UP!
OW!
COLLIDE!
OW!
THESE TWO
NOT BEAUTI-FUL
... WHY DO THEY NOT GET ALONG AS SOON AS THEY GET OFF FROM THE ICE
MICHIRU-CHAN,
GIRLS LOCKER ROOM
GOOD JOB TODAY.
YOU TOO.

DO YOU WANT TO PROPERLY TEAM UP WITH ME?
YOU'LL NEED A PARTNER EITHER WAY
BOTH OF OUR APPEARANCE'S BALANCE IS IDEAL
AND MORE-OVER, WE MATCH
I'VE CHANGED MY PARTNER 4 TIMES BEFORE I CAN GUARANTEE THAT FOR SURE
OH DON'T EVEN HAVE TO RUSH FOR THE TEST WITH ME WHO ALREADY HAS PRE-GOLD, YOU CAN JUST ENTER INTO LARGE COMPETITIONS.
IF YOU HAVE NO INTENTION OF RETURNING TO SIGLES
YOU'LL NEED A PARTNER EITHER WAY

IT'S MY LAST BET...
I NEED YOU.

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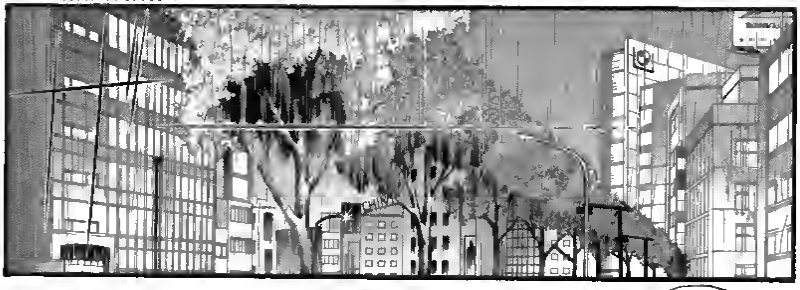
CHINA

UWAH-...

AOYAMA SILENT HILLS MANSION
MUMBLE MUMBLE
SILENT HILLS

SHE SURE LOOKS LIKE LIVING IN AN EXPENSIVE PLACE
IT'S BEEN 7 YEARS SINCE THEN

Happy Birthday
April
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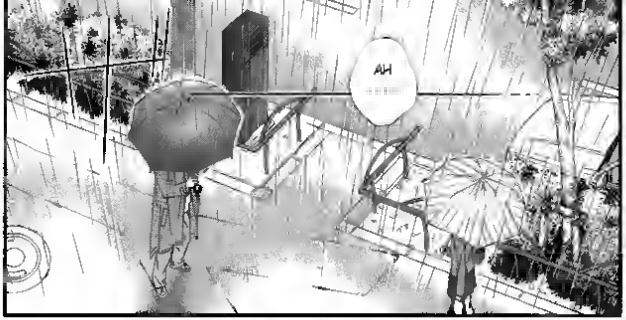
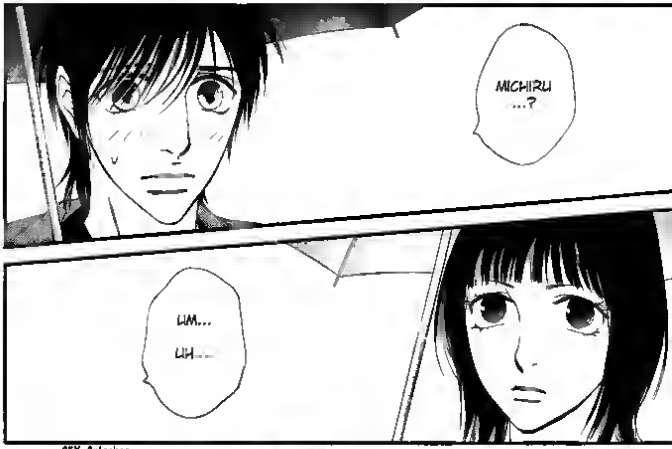




SFX. Splashes

AH .....
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
I GOT THE ADDRESS FROM LEN.....
DID YOU COME TO SEE MICHIRU?
HUGS
EH .....
EH .....?
Whistles
UM .....

I'M REALLY HAPPY.
HMMM
AH .....!
YOU'RE
YOMOTA ....
YOU SEEM TO ACT MORE AMIABLE AROUND YOUR BOYFRIEND.
EH, YOU'RE A MAN, AND YOU KNOW ME? EVEN IF YOU LIKE FIGURE SKATING THAT MUCH YOU MUST BE A MANIAC
AH, NO ...
OR ARE YOU A STAFF?
LITTLE SAD SAYING IT MYSELF

ONE TIME....
I'VE MET YOU WHEN I WAS A CHILD.
IN A RINK IN AMERICA FOR YOUR BROTHER'S ....
COACH YOMOTA'S FAREWELL THING....
I SAW YOUR "MOONLIGHT."
AAH,
I SEE
YOU'RE COMING TO MY HOUSE, RIGHT, LEON?
EH, BUT
Rattans

HIKARU-SAN, YOU'RE VOICE IS TOO LOUD.
SCARY.
HIDES
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE. YOU'RE IGNORING ME!?
I'VE COME ALL THE WAY TO HAVE YOUR MOTHER PERMIT US TO OFFICIALLY PAIR UP.
ALL THE WAY!
WHAT
PAIR UP? FOR WHAT?
.... DANCE.

I'M DOING THE ICE DANCE
WITH HIKARU -SAN.
THAT NOSTALGIC WORD MADE ME EVEN MORE MELANCHOLIC
BECAUSE I REMEMBERED THE WARMTH OF HER HAND FROM THAT TIME
WHAT I'M WORRIED ABOUT IS THE DIFFERENCE IN YOUR AGES.
WHEN YOU'RE EVEN 8 YEARS APART, THERE'LL BE A DEFINITE PEAK IN THE STRENGTH DIFFERENCE

THE MORE COMPATIBLE YOU ARE, THE HARDER IT IS TO CHANGE THE PARTNER YOU'VE HAD FOR SO LONG.
I TOO .. TRIED PAIRING UP WITH ANOTHER PERSON AFTER TAKAISHI DIED, BUT. .
I INJURED MY SHOULDER BECAUSE THE HOLD POSITION WAS JUST A LITTLE DIFFERENT
AND IF HIKARU-KUN RETIRES FIRST, MICHIRU WILL HAVE TO START ALL OVER AGAIN WITH A NEW PARTNER.
WAS IT BECAUSE OF THOSE STRUGGLES THAT YOU OPPOSED MICHIRU DOING ICE DANCING IN THE PAST....?
IT'S MY FIRST TIME HEARING KUROKI-SENSEI TALKING ABOUT THE PAST.
EH ?
MIYUKI-SAN, I'M .
INTENDING TO RETIRE AMATEUR SKATING WITHIN 3 YEARS.

SINCE MICHIRU-CHAN IS STILL YOUNG, SHE CAN PAIR UP WITH ME AND PILE HER EXPERIENCE
SHE CAN FIND HER PARTNER SLOWLY OR GO BACK TO SINGLES, EITHER WAY...
I'VE ALREADY TOLD HER ABOUT THIS.
TO USE ME AS A STEPPING STONE
RIGHT?
YES
HM?
SHE RETURNED TO HER USUAL BLUNT FACE
I GUESS I SHOULD JUST BE THANKFUL IF MICHIRU WILL START POSITIVELY TOWARD SKATING
BESIDES IF SHE'S WITH HIKARU-KUN, SHE COULD POSSIBLY AIM FOR THE TOP.
AND IF THAT'LL STIMU-LATE ...

I UNDERSTAND.
I'LL DO WHAT I CAN TO BACK YOU UP TOO.
AS SOON AS THE WEEKEND IS OVER, WE'LL START SETTING UP FOR MEETINGS.
.....OK!
THANK YOU SO MUCH.
LET'S WORK HARD TOGETHER, MICHIRU-CHAN.
UMM.....
YOU CAN JUST CALL ME MICHIRU
MMMMM...
CALLING ME "-CHAN" IS DISGUSTING
DON'T TELL ME THAT JUST NOW AFTER WE'VE PAIRED ALREADY FOR MORE THAN HALF A YEAR!
YOU SHITTY CHILD!!
OH
OK
AND...
I'M SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU ALONE, LEON
YOU HAVEN'T HAD DINNER YET, RIGHT? LET'S ORDER SOME SUSHI.
AH, NO... DON'T MIND ABOUT ME.

I'VE NEVER SEEN YOU SMILE BEFORE.
HEY
She's pretty cute!
Giggle
Giggle
Giggle
Giggle
I'M NOT USED TO FORMAL JAPANESE ...
WAIT, WAS IT "DON'T MIND ME"...?
"Don't hesitate"
That wasn't right...
UFUFU, YOU ALWAYS LIVED IN A FOREIGN COUNTRY SO THAT CAN'T BE HELPED.
THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE MEAL
NO, NO.
COME AGAIN, BOTH OF YOU
LEON, YOU'RE NOT GONNA STAY FOR TONIGHT?
I'LL LEND YOU MY BATH DUCKY.

EH!
SURPRISED!
WELL, LEON AND HIKARU-KUN, BE CAREFUL
WH... WHAT ARE YOU SAYING, MICHIRU!?!
AH! YES, GOOD NIGHT!
.....
YOU GUYS ARE BATHTUB DUCKY FRIENDS?
OF COURSE NOT !!

TODAY MICHIRU-CHA— NO, MICHIRU WAS A LITTLE WEIRD.
TALKING IN A SWEET VOICE SAYING 'MICHIRU IS-' AND CALLING HERSELF BY HER NAME LIKE AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHILD.
IS THAT HOW SHE ACTS USUALLY?
I DON'T KNOW I HAVEN'T SEEN HER IN 7 YEARS
BUT....SHE'S A LITTLE MENTALLY UNBALANCED... THAT'S WHAT ANOTHER OF HER CHILDHOOD FRIENDS' TOLD ME.
WHEN SHE WAS A CHILD... SHE DISAPPEARED OFF SOMEWHERE ONE TIME....
I THINK SHE EXPERIENCED... SOMETHING SCARY THAT TIME....
DON'T PUT ON SUCH A WORRIED FACE...
I'LL LOOK AFTER HER TOO
HIKARU -SAN
...
TAP!

THEIR VIENNESE* IS PERFECT
YES, AND THEY'VE ACCOMPLISHED THE OTHER 10 TOPICS IN A SHORT TIME TOO.
I GUESS YOU CAN'T FIGHT WHAT'S IN YOUR BLOOD

*Viennese Waltz: One of the assignments in the Compact Soft

I'VE MADE A SHORT FREE DANCE FOR THE SILVER TEST TOO
MAYBE MAKE IT TO 4 MINUTES SO THEY CAN ENTER INTO A COMPETITION?
I THINK SO TOO.

BUT THESE TWO ... A LITTLE .....
YES .....
... SO THEREFORE,
I GUESS WE CAN'T MAKE IT IN TIME FOR THIS YEAR'S BLOCK TOURNAMENT, HUH....?
THIS SEASON'S LEAD RHYTHM IS LATIN • COMBINATION.
WE CAN PRACTICE OD JUST IN CASE TOO.
WE WILL BEGIN FD'S PRACTICE STARTING TOMORROW.
THINK OF IT AS A LIGHT UMBRELLA EXERCISE.
YOU MEAN LIGHT SHOULDER EXERCISE, MARY?
WE'LL JUST START BY ENTERING IN THE KOUDAN CUP WHICH DOESN'T HAVE OD THIS SEASON.
TH-
AT
FORE
!
BE-

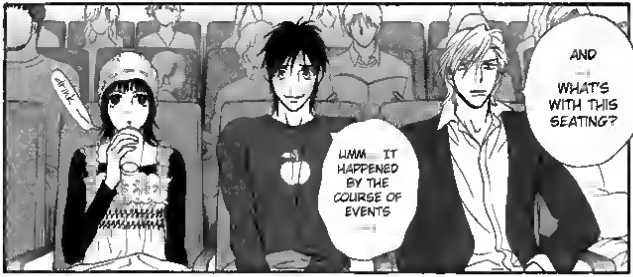
MICHIRU AND HIKARU!
YOU GUYS AREN'T CONNECTING YOUR HEARTS AT ALL!
IT'S LIKE A DOLL'S DANCE, EVEN THOUGH YOU GUYS ARE SO BEAUTIFUL!
FD IS ROMEO AND JULIET.
I CAN'T SEE YOU GUYS AS A PASSIONATE COUPLE AT ALL!
THEREFORE, THIS WILL BE YOUR ONE MONTH ASSIGNMENT
FLIPS
WHAT'S WITH THESE!
"STARE AT EACH OTHER FOR 1 HOUR EACH DAY"!?
"HIKARU NEEDS TO GO AND GET MICHIRU EVERYDAY"!?
BUT, THERE ARE NO KANJI SO IT'S SO HARD TO READ THEM!!
Just wanna it in English
"GO TO THE MOVIES OR OTHERS, EVEN ON THE BREAK DAYS TOO"...
BUT NO SEX, HIKARU
YOU ALWAYS FAIL WITH THAT...
...YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME...
Don't say that in front of her mom

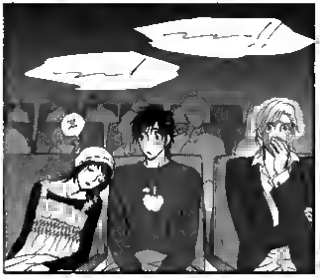
HE'S WAITING FOR KUROKI-SAN, RIGHT...? SHE'S SO LUCKY
Look, look! He's here again, the prince.
KYAA !!!
.... YOU'RE LATE!
ARE YOU LISTENING TO ME!?
BUT HE'S CARRYING HER STUFF.
HE'S PRETTY TALKATIVE THE PRINCE
Take me by surprise
AND HE DID BATTING -?
I WAS WORKING ON MY BATTING PART-TIME, STANDING ALL DAY TODAY.
IF YOU'RE GOING TO BE LATE, AT least CALL ME WITH YOUR CELL OR SOMETHING! YOU WERE THE ONE WHO SAID YOU WANTED TO GO SOMEWHERE BEFORE GOING TO THE RINK!
DO YOU KNOW HOW LONG I'VE BEEN WAITING FOR YOU!
OK.
OK. LET'S BEGIN

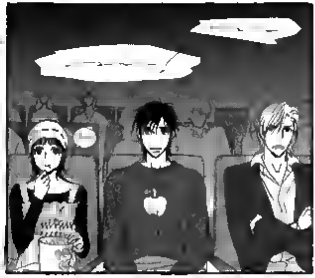
GLARES!
stares!
I DON'T THINK THIS IS REALLY STARING IT'S RATHER LIKE GLARING AT EACH OTHER
WAIT A MINUTE,
WAIT
.....
SURPRISED!
I THINK MARY WAS TALKING ABOUT MORE OF ..

SHIT
WHY ARE YOU RUNNING AWAY FROM ME WHEN I HAVEN'T EVEN DONE ANYTHING!?
UM, I REALLY DIDN'T DO ANYTHING.
'MICHIRU -CHAN, YOU'RE PRETTY SENTIMENTAL
'HERE, USE MY HANDKER-CHIEF '
"THANK YOU HIKARU-SAN "
LIKE THAT
I'LL ASK HER TO A DEADLY SWEET MOVIE THAT A GIRL WILL REALLY LIKE
WHICH ONE IS IT? THE ONE THAT'S A "MUST CRY!"
"LIT SOMETHING THAT HAS A MAN WHO'S NOT AS HANDSOME AS ME
UHH HMMM

TICKET
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
HAA... I GOT A CALL FROM MICHIRU...


AND... WHAT'S WITH THIS SEATING?
UMM... IT HAPPENED BY THE COURSE OF EVENTS
drink





I WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO CRIED SO MUCH !?
Am I forgot my handkerchief too!
THANKS, LEON-KUN
HIKARU-SAN, YOU'RE PRETTY SENTIMEN-TAL
YOU CAN USE MY HANDKERCHIEF YOU CAN WIPE YOUR NOSE TOO
MICHIRU WANTS TO EAT ICE CREAM ....
AH, I'LL GO BUY IT.
HIKARU-SAN, YOU WANT ONE?
NO THANK YOU.
HELLO 'TSUNDERE' IS SOMEONE WHO APPEARS BAD-TEMPERED IN FRONT OF PEOPLE, BUT STARTS ACTING SWEETLY WHEN HE'S ALONE WITH SOMEONE. ITS ONE TYPE OF MOE CHARACTER, BUT LOOKING AT YOU... YOU SEEM TO BE ONE-WAY TSUNTSUN....
WHO THE HECK ARE YOU!?
PLUMPIE MUMBLING
SERIOUSLY! TALKING WITH SUCH A SWEET VOICE IF YOU EAT THE ICE CREAM AND GET FAT, I'LL HAVE A HARD TIME HOLDING YOU UP
YOU TSUNDERE CHARACTER!
REACTS!

BUT SOMETIMES I FEEL SCARED
.....IT'S NOT THAT I DON'T LIKE HIM...
DO YOU NOT LIKE HIKARU-SAN?
SO I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD AVOID HIM AND SUCH...
MICHIRU, HIKARU-SAN IS YOUR PARTNER
WHENEVER I'M AROUND HIKARU-SAN...
MY HEAD STARTS TO GET CONFUSED
AND I START TO FEEL LIKE I'M NOT MYSELF ANYMORE...
LOOKING AT MICHIRU, I COULDN'T BRING MYSELF TO ASK HER.
I THOUGHT THAT THIS MAY BE RELATED TO THE DEATH OF COACH YOMOTA, BUT...

REALLY ?
YOU CAN SKATE AGAIN.
BUT IT'S GOOD THAT HIKARU-SAN'S PAIRING UP WITH YOU.
YEAH
BECAUSE WHEN MICHIRU'S SKATING YOU'RE REALLY SHINING
WITH LOTS OF SPARKLES.
...

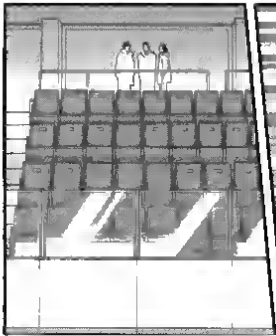
MARY, GIVE ME YOUR EAR FOR A SECOND ...

—HMM,
THEY'RE PRETTY GOOD TODAY

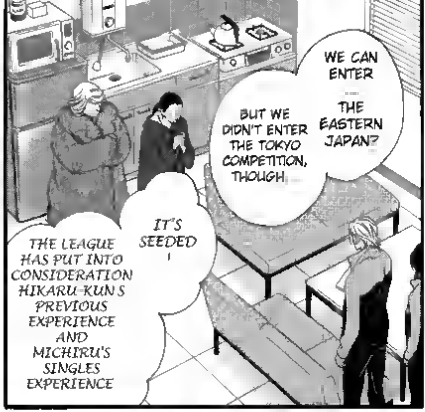
MICHIRU! HIKARU!

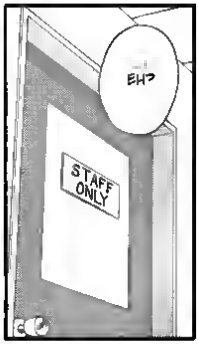
.....?
I'M PUTTING THE MUSIC ON

WE'LL DO A DUO WITH THE FD RIGHT NOW
EH? BUT THIS PROGRAM HASN'T
DON'T WORRY, DON'T WORRY IF YOU'RE UNSURE OF SOME PARTS, JUST GO THROUGH IT RUNNING

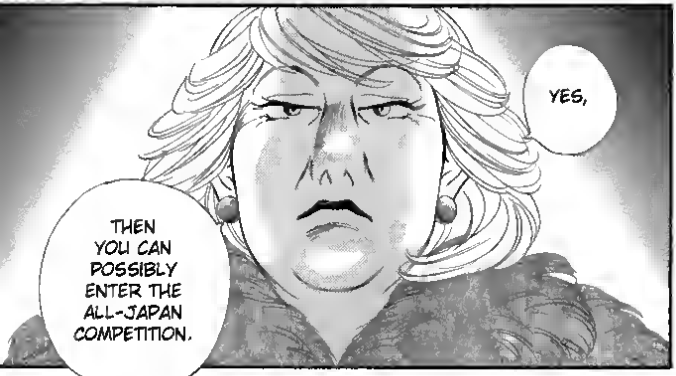


SLIDE
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!
clap clap clap
OK! THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD!
THEY WERE FROM THE LEAGUE
ONE WAS THE REINFORCEMENT PRESIDENT
... DID YOU NOTICE THEM?
I WONDER WHY THEY WERE HERE?
I DON'T KNOW

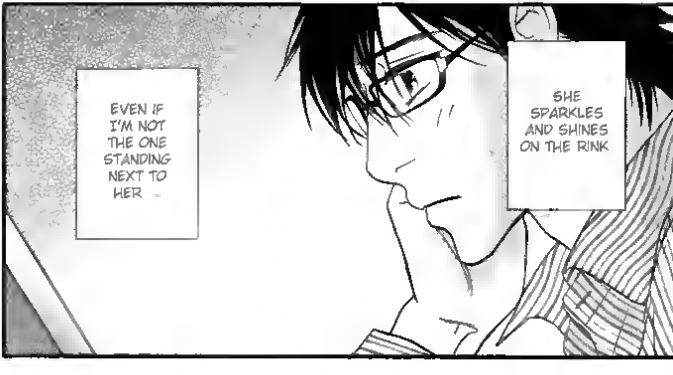

WE CAN ENTER THE EASTERN JAPAN?
BUT WE DIDN'T ENTER THE TOKYO COMPETITION, THOUGH...
IT'S SEEDED!
THE LEAGUE HAS PUT INTO CONSIDERATION HIKARU-KUN'S PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE AND MICHIRU'S SINGLES EXPERIENCE


EH?
STAFF ONLY

IF WE CAN ENTER THE EASTER JAPAN... THAT MEANS DEPENDING ON OUR GRADE....
WE'LL GO GREET THEM TOMORROW SO LEAVE YOUR TOMORROW AFTERNOON OPEN.


YES,
THEN YOU CAN POSSIBLY ENTER THE ALL-JAPAN COMPETITION.

Koudan Sports☆Figure
Kuroki Michiru changes to
Ice Dancing
THAT'S RIGHT.


EVEN IF I'M NOT THE ONE STANDING NEXT TO HER
SHE SPARKLES AND SHINES ON THE RINK

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EH? SHE'S ALREADY GONE?
I think she's probably already there so can you go too?
OK
IT'S ONLY 6
YEAH WHEN I WOKE UP, SHE WAS ALREADY GONE...
SHE MIGHT BE DOING SOME RUNNING UNTIL THE RINK OPENS
SLIDES...
SWISH

HAA!
HAA!
!
THE SOUTH JAPAN COMPETITION WAS APPROACHING IN 2 WEEKS...
OH, NO... IT'S A LITTLE SWOLLEN...

I GUESS LATIN-COMBINATION IS A LITTLE HARDER FOR MICHIRU WHO'S A BEGINNER IN THE SENIORS...
AND SHE SHOWS NO APPEAL FOR IT AT ALL EITHER...
I HEARD THAT NOT ONLY YOU INCREASED THE LESSONS FOR BALLET BUT ALSO FOR DANCING. ARE YOU SURE YOU CAN TAKE THAT MUCH?
I'M NOT VERY GOOD WITH SALSA SO...
"PRACTICE MORE OF SMILING THAN DANCING!"
BESIDES, MARY ALWAYS SAYS IT
WE... WELL, EVEN IF YOU CAN'T DANCE ELEGANTLY, YOU CAN JUST SHOW YOU'RE FULL OF ENERGY

SFX: Swiftest
WHAT WERE YOU DOING!?
YOU CAN'T EAT BECAUSE YOUR CHEEKS ARE HURTING FROM MUSCLE ACHE!?
.....
I GUESS IT'S A LITTLE MORE BEARABLE TO LOOK AT IT NOW...
WELL WE'LL JUST HAVE TO GATHER THE POINTS WITH THEIR skating skill FOR THE OD
It's seems like they're aiming it for the sake of it rather than for passion
ORIGINAL DANCE CHA CHA/ SALSA

SFX: Lifts!!
MICHI RU...
SO YOU WERE HERE ...?
HOW LONG WERE YOU HERE FOR? DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO NOT TO STAY IN THE GYM FOR MORE THAN AN HOUR?
BUT IF I DON'T GET MORE UPPER BODY MUSCLES, THEY CAN'T INCREASE THE DIFFICULTY FOR THE LIFTS
YEAH, BUT WHAT IF YOU HURT YOURSELF BY DOING TOO MUCH?
MICHIRU... IF YOU DO THIS, YOU'LL TURN OUT TO BE LIKE HOW I WAS IN THE SINGLES.
I KNOW IT'S YOUR FIRST COMPETITION AND YOU'RE NERVOUS, BUT DON'T BE TOO HARD ON YOURSELF.

.....
OK?
LET'S GO HOME NOW.
LISTEN, I HAVE GOOD NEWS FOR YOU.
YOUR FATHER WILL BE ABLE TO STAY IN AOYAMA FOR ABOUT 2 DAYS STARTING TOMORROW.
EH
WHAT'S WRONG? YOU DON'T SEEM TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT.
.....
I GUESS IT'S BECAUSE YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HIM IN SO LONG, YOU'RE BEING LIKE THIS.
WHEN YOU WERE LITTLE, YOU WERE ALWAYS ATTACHED TO HIM.

BREEZE....
BREEZE...

I'M A BAD GIRL ...
IT'S BECAUSE ...

KANAGAWA DANCE JUNIOR COMPANY
ONE MORE TIME UN, DUEX, TROIS.
JUMP!
LEON, CAN YOU LEAN YOUR UPPER BODY A LITTLE MORE?
I DON'T WANT YOU TO COMPLETELY MATCH TO ERIKO
I'LL TRY..
LEON, A GIRL IS WAITING FOR YOU OUTSIDE..
A GIRL?
ISN'T SHE A FIGURE SKATER? SHE WAS ON THE TV, RIGHT?
MICHIRU !

HERE YOU GO
THANK YOU.
SLURP

CAN I STAY HERE FOR TONIGHT?
COUGH!

SORRY, I JUST MOVED FROM MY AUNT'S LAST WEEK SO...
I DON'T HAVE ANY-THING
I- I SHOULD BUY CHAIRS AT LEAST.

PLEASE...
I DON'T WANT TO GO BACK TO MY HOUSE...

...HUH?

NO, BUT.
AS YOU CAN SEE IT'S NOT VERY ROOMY AND THERE'S... THERE'S ONLY ONE BED....
AND I DON'T THINK KUROKI-SENSEI WILL APPROVE ...
I'VE ALREADY SAID THAT I WAS STAYING AT LEON'S
WHY ARE YOU BACKING UP?
I DON'T THINK SHE KNEW THAT I LIVED ALONE ...
OF COURSE
I DON'T HAVE CONFIDENCE WHETHER I CAN T HOLD BACK OR NOT, BUT...
NO
NO REASON
ALSO, I DIDN'T THINK MICHIRU CAME HERE WITH THAT PURPOSE
SHE STILL LOOKS AT ME WITH THOSE EYES OF A 9 YEAR-OLD CHILD
CLICK-S!
NIGHT...
YEAH

DO YOU REMEMBER THE TIME WHEN WE FIRST MET?
LEON...
I DO REMEMBER.
MICHIRU HAD A GOLD TIARA FOR YOUR 9TH BIRTHDAY PARTY.
AND YOU WERE LAUGHING AT MY BROKEN TOOTH THAT I GOT FROM ICE HOCKEY.
THOSE TIMES WERE FUN...
PLAYING WITH EVERYONE... AND SKATING...
RIGHT NOW, IT'S AS IF I CAN'T BREATHE...
IT'S THE SAME AS WHEN I WAS IN THE SINGLES...
NO MATTER HOW MUCH I PRACTICE, I STILL FEEL WRETCHED AND UGLY

I'VE NEVER THOUGHT MICHIRU WAS UGLY ON THE RINK.
ALTHOUGH I'VE ONLY SEEN YOU ON THE TV OR INTERNET BEFORE, BUT...
YOU'VE ALWAYS SHINED AND SPARKLED.
SO YOU'LL CONTINUE TO DO FINE.
LEON
CAN YOU
DO ICE DANCING WITH MICHIRU AGAIN?
CREAK
EH !?
I DON'T THINK
THAT'S POSSIBLE
EVEN IF YOU ASK.
...WELL, THEN STAY BY MICHIRU AND LOOK OVER ME.

PLEASE,
OR ELSE, I'LL... DEFINITELY DESTROY MYSELF...

WHY IS THERE AN OUTSIDER?
I'VE GOT ASKED BY MIYUKI TOO.
IT SEEMS I'LL HELP WITH BALANCING MICHIRU S TEMPER

BALANCE ?
THAT CHILDISH TEMPER WOULD BE?
ANYWAYS, JUST START THE **WARM UP**!

MAKE THE EDGES DEEPER.
TOO SLOW!
BEND YOUR KNEE!
IF YOU DO THAT, YOU'LL GET POINTS DEDUCTED.
THE FREE LEGS AREN'T MATCHING.
IT'S NOT BEAUTIFUL!
UM
WHAT HAPPENED, MICHIRU AND HIKARU?
THE BEAUTIFUL UNISON ISN'T BEAUTIFUL ANYMORE AND IT'S REALLY SHAKY.
NN
HAA!
HAA!
HAA!

THAT TURN JUST NOW IF YOU COULD PLACE THE LEFT FREE FOOT JUST A LITTLE QUICKER, THEN I THINK THEY'LL MATCH...
COULD IT BE THAT WHEN YOU PRESS MICHIRU'S RIGHT FOOT TOWARDS THE IN, IT'S HURTING HER?
I'M SURPRISED...
BUT...
I THINK RATHER THAN USING THE LEFT HAND FOR HOLD, USING THE OPPOSITE HAND WOULD MAKE IT QUICKER, HIKARU-SAN...
AND WHEN YOU LET THE SHORT LIFT DOWN...
MARY, HE'S A MODERN DANCER
HE WORKS FOR YOKOHAMA'S K.D.L.C COMPANY
K.D.L.C!? THE ONE WHERE TAKESHI GOUDA IS?
DID YOU DO **ICE DANCING** BEFORE?
AH, NO, NOT SKATING... I'VE ONLY DONE IT WHEN I WAS LITTLE
SORRY FOR BEING NOSY.

DO AS HE JUST SAID
BUT
JUST DO IT!
YEAH
BY THE SCOUT OF TAKESHI-SAN... BUT I'M NOT AN OFFICIAL MEMBER YET
I SEE
YOUR RIGHT FOOT THE ONE YOU HURT, RIGHT?
ARE YOU SURE YOU'VE SHOWED IT TO A DOCTOR...?
I'M FINE
JUST LEAVE ME ALONE
...AH, I SEE!
HEY, HEY, I HEARD THAT YOMO-TCHI AND MICHIRU ARE RUNNING THROUGH THE SHOW WITH THE COSTUMES
EH- I WANT TO SEE, I WANT TO SEE

HYAH
YOU DO LOOK GOOD IN THESE KINDS OF COSTUMES
KYAA!
KYAA!
CAN I TAKE A PICTURE?
BUT NORMALLY I'D BE EMBARRASSING
HEY! U
A DOLLAR FOR ONE SHOT.
Hmph!
YOU CAME AGAIN, LEON-KUN
HEH! DANCERS MUST NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO DO
SORRY I JUST GOT SOME FREE TIME SO...
AH! MICHIRU'S COMING
BA-BUMP!

NOT AT ALL YOU'RE REALLY CUTE
I got some attention
ISN'T IT WEIRD . . ?
THANKS
WHY DON'T YOU ASK ME!?
AND WHAT ABOUT COMMENTS TOWARD ME!?
walks past
YOU LOOK BEAUTI-FUL, MICHI...
Free Dance Pro-Choreography Version "Romeo and Juliet".

SIGH IT'S SO BEAUTI-FUL
IF IT'S ONLY VISUAL, THEY'D DEFINITELY WIN THE GOLD MEDAL.
SHHHHH! YOU SHOULDN'T SAY IT LIKE THAT
(EXASPERATED)
PUSHES AWAY!
ENOUGH ALREADY!

WHERE ARE YOU LOOKING!? YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO BE LOOKING AT ME AT THAT PART.
YOU HAVEN'T BEEN CONCENTRATING AT ALL....
SFX: Punch!
ボクッ
IF YOU CAN'T TREASURE THE LADY, THEN YOU HAVE NO RIGHT TO COMPETE!
ICE DANCING IS A GENTLEMAN AND GENTLEWOMAN'S SPORT.

I'M SORRY
IF YOU WENT OVERSEAS AND THE JUDGES SAW SOMETHING LIKE THIS, IT'LL DEFINITELY GIVE THEM A BAD IMPRESSION.
WHAT WOULD YOU DO IF THAT LOWERS THE CRITIC? THAT'S NOT BEAUTIFUL AT ALL!
MICHIRU ?
SENSEI.
DON'T APOLOGIZE TO ME APOLOGIZE TO MICHIRU
DON'T GET MAD AT HIKARU-SAN.
IT'S BECAUSE OF MY FAULT...
IT'S BECAUSE I .

MICHIRU !
HEY !?
ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL OR SOMETHING !?
SFX. Ambulance Siren
THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE OF PREGNANCY
SHE CAN'T DO ANY EXERCISE UNTIL THE INSPECTION RESULTS COME OUT
... HOSPITALIZED ?
YES
BUT... THE COMPETITION IS IN 5 DAYS

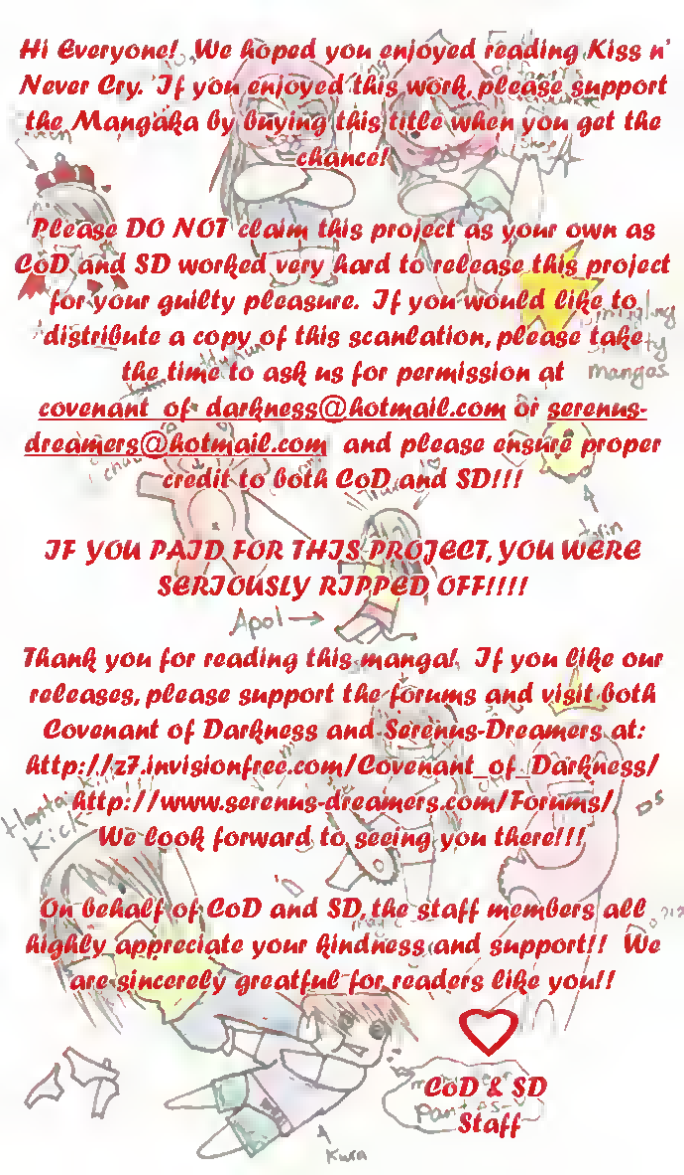
I HAVE NOT TOUCHED HER AT ALL OUTSIDE OF THE RINK!
SO what
BESIDES, I THINK HE'S MORE CULPABLE THAN ME!!
EH!?
WHAT!
WHY IS EVERYONE LOOKING AT ME!?
HEY
EH!? SERIOUSLY!?
IT MUST BE HEAVEN'S PUNISHMENT
BUT SERIOUSLY, I HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING!!
IF YOU HAVE A MONTH, IT'S ENOUGH!
LEON ONLY CAME BACK TO JAPAN A MONTH AGO! THAT'S NOT POSSIBLE.
...
EH?

THEY SAID IT WAS AN ULCER DUE TO STRESS.
AND THE REASON THAT HER PERIOD STOPPED WAS BECAUSE OF STRESS AND MALNUTRITION TOO.
Sorry Hikaru-kun
MALNU-TRITION ?
SHE SEEMED TO HAVE BEEN THROWING UP WHEN I WASN'T LOOKING.
SHE'S BEEN GETTING MUSCLES SO THE WEIGHT HASN'T CHANGED MUCH... IT'S MY FAULT.
HA!
FOR ONE MOMENT, I WAS SO WORRIED.
I MEAN WHEN THEY SAID SHE WAS PREGNANT OUT OF WORLD.
YOU MUST'VE BEEN SURPRISED.
KNOCK KNOCK
Trinket's

IT'S GOOD THAT IT WASN'T TOO SERIOUS
JUST FORGET ABOUT THE COMPETITION AS OF RIGHT NOW AND REST
...
HEY.
..
I'M SORRY
H-HEY!
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CRY OR ANYTHING ...
...!
YOU GOT PUNCHED BY DANDOWA-SENSEI
BECAUSE OF ME ...
SFX. Surprised!
U-Ha ha ha ha ha!

YOU WERE GROANING AS IF YOU WERE ALMOST DYING, AND YOU WERE JUST LOOKING AT SOMETHING LIKE THAT?
NOOO
NOOO
LAUGHING TOO MUCH
WHAT ARE YOU LAUGHING AT?
IT'S JUST . WHEN I GOT CARRIED TO THE HOSPITAL... HIKARU-SAN, YOU WERE STILL IN YOUR ROMEO OUTFIT AND...
HAD TISSUES STUFFED IN YOUR NOSE... AH!
AH HA HA HA!
OH, WELL .
TO BE HONEST, I'M GLAD THAT...
SHE'S LAUGHED BECAUSE OF ME
OK, THEN, PLEASE POSE NOW.

COMPETITOR KUROKI I HEARD THAT YOU WERE HOSPITALIZED TWO DAYS AGO?
YES, BUT I'M FINE NOW
ISN'T THIS A DEBUT COMPETITION FOR THE KUROKI-OGATA PAIR?
WELL, CAN YOU GIVE US A FEW WORDS?
YES.
SFX Camera Shutter!
AND GO TO A HIGHER PLACE THAN ANYBODY ELSE...!
WE'LL SKATE MORE BEAUTIFULLY THAN ANY OTHER COUPLE.



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Vol. 1 Step6. You Raise Me Up

SFX—Surprised!
HEY! YOU'RE SMOKING AGAIN!
MASUMI... WHY ARE YOU HERE?
AREN'T YOU GOING TO MISS THE COUNTRY TOURNAMENT BECAUSE OF THE GRAND CHAMPION SERIES THIS YEAR?
OH, YOU KNOW SO MUCH ABOUT ME.
I JUST CAME BACK YESTERDAY FROM CHINA'S TOURNAMENT
YOU'RE STILL A COWARD AS USUAL, HIKARU.

AND YOU'VE RIGOROUSLY CLIMBED UP THROUGH THE TOURNAMENT EVER SINCE THE TOKYO COMPETITION
EVEN THOUGH THIS IS YOUR FIRST SENIOR COMPETITION, YOU AND KENTA-KUN HAVE ALREADY BEEN PAIRED UP FOR 3 YEARS
I CAME TO SEE
THE BATTLE BETWEEN MY EX-PARTNER AND MY DEAR SISTER
DON'T WORRY, HONAMI
SISTER
SNAP!
YOU WON'T LOSE TO A PEDOPHILE WHO HAS PARTNERED UP, JUST 2 MONTHS AGO, WITH A GIRL WHO'S 8 YEARS YOUNGER THAN HIM
AH-! I SEE
SAME THING
Who the heck are you calling a pedophile?
WE STARTED SKATING TOGETHER HALF A YEAR AGO!
YOU'RE JUST JEALOUS THAT I'M PAIRING UP WITH SOMEONE YOUNG YOU'RE BECOMING AN OLD LADY TOO.
SNAP
SNAP

SFX: Fired Up!
ゴゴゴゴ…
…HONAMI, WE'RE ABOUT TO START AN ADULT CONVERSATION, SO GO TO KENTA-KUN
S-SISTER…
KUROKI HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IT
DID YOU NOT SEE THE OFFICIAL PRACTICE? THAT GIRL HAS TALENTED SKILLS
AND WE'RE PRETTY COMPATIBLE TOO
I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE SUDDENLY ENTERING THE EASTERN JAPAN COMPETITION, WHEN YOU'VE JUST BEEN RECOGNIZED AS A COMPETITOR
AS EXPECTED FROM THE DAUGHTER OF A LARGE SPONSOR COMPANY
THAT'S WHY YOU APPROACHED HER, RIGHT?
SO YOU'RE SAYING THAT SHE'S NOT LIKE ME, RIGHT?
COMPAT-IBLE… HUH…
…HIKARU-SAN

THEN WE SHOULD GO CHECK ONE MORE TIME FOR THE TIMING.
I SEE. THAT'S GOOD.
DANDOWA-SENSEI IS ALMOST HERE...
YOU CAN'T BE SURE ABOUT THIS YEAR...
AH... OF THE SADA-NAKAMURA PAIR. LAST YEAR'S "ALL-JAPAN COMPETITION" CHAMPION'S ?
KUROKI-SAN, NICE TO MEET YOU. I'M SADA MASUMI.
NO. NOTHING.
DID YOU SAY SOMETHING, OGATA-KUN?
IT'S LIKE YOUR PARENTS' PERFORMANCE HAS ENDED AS A ONE-TIME LEGEND.
IT'S TOO BAD THAT THE QUADRUPLE-TOE ENDED AS AN ILLUSION.

HM?
THAT GIRL...
STOP IT, MASUMI
LET'S GO
I GUESS
HIKARU SHOULD HAVE NOTICED ALREADY, RIGHT?
EH, IT'S HELD FOR 3 DAYS?
YUP, BUT I CAN'T TAKE OFF FOR 3 DAYS IN A ROW SO I FIGURED I'D AT LEAST GO CHEER FOR THE FREE DANCE
YEAH
ICE DANCING HAS 3 COMPETITIONS INCLUDING COMPULSORY DANCE, ORIGINAL DANCE, AND FREE DANCE
...HEH- THAT FIGURE SKATING GIRL'S ENTERING IN A COMPETITION?

THEY SHOULD BE DOING THE COMPULSORY DANCE TODAY WHERE EVERYONE DANCES THE SAME ASSIGNED TASK PATTERN REPEATEDLY.
AH... YOU MEAN LIKE THOSE BALLROOM DANCES?
MICHIRU KNOWS THE BASICS, AND THE ASSIGNED TASK WALTZ IS HER FORTE SO...
I DON'T THINK THERE IS ANYTHING TO BE WORRIED ABOUT, BUT...
Program Structure points 12.31
Overall element points 12.20
Kuroki Kata Pair's Score.
IT'S ALL RIGHT, HONAMI. IT WAS JUST 0.6 POINTS OF A DIFFERENCE
I CAN'T BELIEVE WE LOST IN THE COMPULSORY...
To a single competitor
Kuroki-kun
YES! WE BEAT THE SADA-KOBASHI PAIR!
Compulsory dance points 24.51

HEY,
YOU'RE NOT EATING ANYMORE?
I'M FULL ALREADY SO...
ROYAL RESTAURAN
CLANG
YOU WORKED VERY HARD FOR YOUR FIRST CD* COMPETITION.
IT WAS not bad.
MICHIRU,
MOREOVER, YOU DIDN'T EAT MUCH BECAUSE OF THE DRIP INFUSION.
YOUR BODY WON'T HOLD, THOUGH.
.....
*CD=EX NOTES: CD STANDS FOR COMPULSARY DANCE
SHE'S PROBABLY THINKING ABOUT THE BLOWS THAT MASUMI GAVE EARLIER.
THIS ISN'T GOOD
YOU'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR IT, BUT YOUR FACE HAS REVERTED BACK INTO A DOLL-LIKE STATE AGAIN
BUT YOUR EXPRESSION ISN'T GOOD
.....

Nod nod
AS IF YOU CAN RELY ON HIKARU COMPLETELY AND LET HIM PROTECT YOU
YOU HAVE TO SHOW AN EXPRESSION.
IT'S IMPORTANT THAT YOU TWO SHOW THE **judges** HOW MUCH YOU BELIEVE IN EACH OTHER.

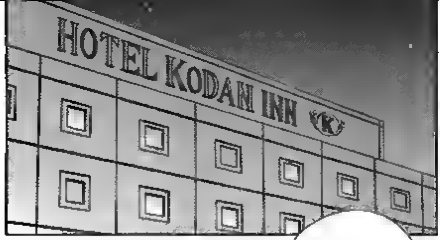
SO, EAT ONE MORE BITE, OKAY?
WELL, MIYUKI-SAN WILL BE ABLE TO COME FROM TOMORROW ON TOO, SO MICHIRU SHOULD BE ABLE TO RELAX MORE
YOU ACT LIKE A FATHER WHO'S BEEN FORCED TO TAKE CARE OF HIS CHILD FOR THE WEEKEND

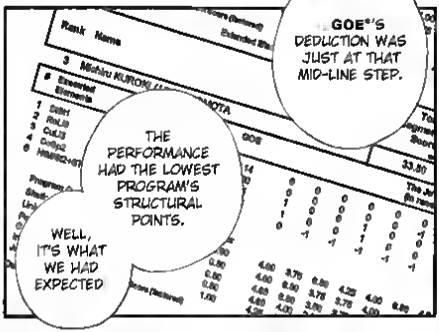
POINTS!
AS FOR HIKARU, YOU HAVE TO MAKE HER LOOK LIKE THAT!
YOU'RE TOTALLY RIGHT

GOOD SPEEDING!
BE PRECISE ON THE MID-LINE STEP! LAY THE EDGES OUT FIRMLY.

SECOND DAY, ORIGINAL DANCE

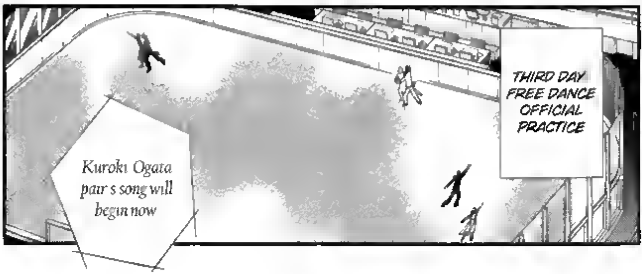
KEEP GOING!
GOOD! THAT WAS FIRM!
SFX: Slide!
WOBBLE
!
AH-
DON'T SUPPORT HER...




GOE*'S DEDUCTION WAS JUST AT THAT MID-LINE STEP.
THE PERFORMANCE HAD THE LOWEST PROGRAM'S STRUCTURAL POINTS.
WELL, IT'S WHAT WE HAD EXPECTED

OK
IT WAS STILL WELL DONE, MICHIRU AND HIKARU-KUN
HONAMI-CHAN S PAIR GOT IN FRONT OF YOU BECAUSE OF THE OD* BUT YOU GUYS ARE STILL RIGHT BEHIND THEM

T/N OD STANDS FOR OPEN DANCE



*Translator's note: GOE - Grade of Execution. The points that judges give based on elements like step, spin, and lift

Hikaru-kun gets a lot of bathing scenes.

IN THE END YOU ONLY CARED ABOUT HOW YOU CAN MAKE YOURSELF LOOK GOOD!
WHEN I GOT SCOLDED LATER, I SNAPPED TOO...
I DON'T!
YES, YOU DO!
IT WAS WHEN I WAS WITH MASUMI. SHE HAD A FEVER, BUT I DIDN'T NOTICE...
I DID THINK SOMETHING WAS WRONG THOUGH
A MILLION TIMES?
D-
LOOK AT GWENDAL PEIZERAT! HE'S A MILLION TIMES MORE HANDSOME THAN YOU ARE, BUT DURING THE DANCING, HE'S IN THE BACKGROUND.
IN ICE DANCING, THE GIRL IS THE MAIN PERSON!
DON'T COMPARE ME TO PEIZERAT!!
YOU LACK ANY CONSIDERATION FOR YOUR PARTNER!
HIKARU, YOU DON'T LOOK AT YOUR PARTNER AT ALL!

Hikaru-san
Do you want to go on a walk?

Paradise Ginga
CHAU
CHA
CHA
CHA
CHA
CHA

YOUR PREVIOUS PARTNER?
... IS SADA MASUMI-SAN...

JUST CURIOUS
I WAS...

I'VE BEEN WITH MASUMI THE LONGEST WE'VE GOTTEN TO SECOND PLACE IN ALL-JAPAN...
NO SHE WAS THE ONE BEFORE THE PREVIOUS ONE.
WHAT ABOUT MASUMI?

PN/N: LAVER IS A TYPE OF SEAWEED
YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID THAT AT THAT MOMENT.
SHE HAD BLUE LAVER* STUCK ON HER FRONT TOOTH SO I WAS WONDERING IF SHE ATE YAKISOBA EARLIER.
HM?
C-COULD IT BE THAT SHE'S JEALOUS...?
.....
Hikaru, you don't look at your partner at all!
WAIT!

W-WHAT ARE YOU DOING...
YOUR FOOT! LET ME SEE IT.
Picks up!
!
..
HEY.
IS IT HURTING? SINCE WHEN?
...
...SINCE TWO WEEKS AGO...
WHY DIDN'T YOU TELL ME EARLIER?!
BUT IT ONLY HURTS OCCASIONALLY
...I'M FINE SO...
HOW ARE YOU FINE?! YOU WERE WOBBLING YESTERDAY ON THE STEP TOO.

DON'T TELL MOM OR DANDOWA-SENSEI.
THEY'LL PROBABLY LOWER THE DIFFICULTY OF THE STEP.
THEY MIGHT EVEN SAY NOT TO SKATE.
.....
I HEARD THAT IT WAS POPULAR SINCE PEOPLE USE DISTINCT TEMPO FOR ICE DANCING.
THEY MUST BE SKATING GALLANTLY.
...REALLY? PROKOFIEV'S "ROMEO AND JULIET"? THE SECOND MOVEMENT'S?
BUT IS IT REALLY ALL RIGHT...? TO COME SO SUDDENLY...?
IT'S OKAY IT'S OKAY.
I DIDN'T THINK HE WAS GOING TO FOLLOW ME
AH, SORRY FOR BRINGING MY CHILD ALONG TOO. MY WIFE'S OUT ON A BUSINESS TRIP SO...
I CAN'T WAIT! I'VE ALWAYS WANTED TO SEE A FIGURE-SKATING COMPETITION BEFORE...
AH, I SAW THAT. I SAW THAT! THE REVERSED MAN AND WOMAN LIFT, RIGHT?
ONE COUPLE FROM FRANCE USED IT IN THE NAGANO OLYMPICS...

... DOESN'T KUROKI-SAN LOOK PALE?
Warming up ends now
THERE ARE ONLY THREE PAIRS SKATING?
IT'S MY FIRST TIME REPORTING ON ICE DANCING
THAT'S EVEN CONSIDERED AS A LOT
THERE ARE SO MANY REPORTERS — THAT'S RARE.
THAT'S BECAUSE KUROKI MICHIRU'S HERE.
Holds
LET'S GO.
Number 1 Kuroka Michiru Ogata Hikaru Pair
THEIR APPEARANCE GOT BETTER WHEN THEY CAME OUT FOR THE CALL.
SHE'S ALREADY A PROFESSIONAL ICE DANCER.
CLAP CLAP
CLAP CLAP
Whisper
Don't worry about anything.

HOLDING IS DIFFERENT FROM THE USUAL
STRONG YET KIND.
I CAN BEND EVEN DEEPER.
DON'T WORRY ANYMORE, MICHIRU.

SENSEI
...
SENSEI
!
MICHIRU'S CRYING...
EH
?!

Skate with Ogata-sensei
Michuru wants to improve faster and

I COULDN'T LET GO OF THAT PRECIOUS AND THROBBING PRESENCE.
AS IF THEY'RE DESPERATELY CLINGING ONTO ME.
IS IT HURTING ?
HER EYES MOISTENED
DON'T STOP
WHAT AN INCREDIBLE ACTING SKILL
THEY REALLY LOOK LIKE A COUPLE
LAY BACK FROM CAMEL TO SIT BIELMANN POSITIONED SPIN
QUADRUPLE SPIN FINISHED
LEVEL 4
PLUS O.S.
THAT WAS BEAUTIFUL

ALL THE ELEMENTS ALL FIT IMPOSSIBLY
THEY INCREASED ALL THEIR LEVELS!
SERPENTINE LIFT'S BEING DONE...
WITH ONE HAND.
THE NEXT CURVE'S ONE FOOT.
SINCE WHEN DID YOU CHANGE THEM?
HMM. HIKARU'S DOING THAT ON HIS OWN RIGHT NOW.
And he's trying to increase the levels too.
OH, MY!
DON'T SLOW DOWN THE SPEED.
KEEP IT ...
AND FINISH!

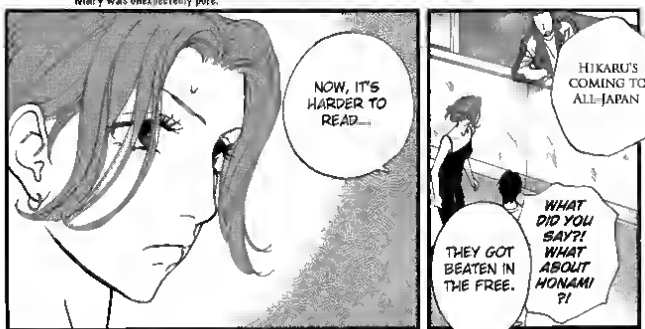
HA!
HA!
HA!
HA!
CHEERS!
KUROKI-OGATA PAIR'S THE BEST!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
THAT WAS GREAT!
CLAP CLAP CLAP
MICHIRU

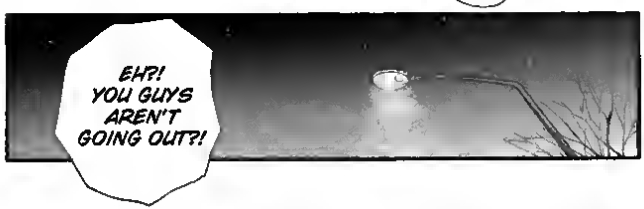
BECAUSE YOU WERE KIND
YES.
Turns around
I-IS YOUR FOOT OKAY?
IT'S NOT LIKE I'M A FOREIGNER TOO
NO WAY... I ALMOST KISSED HER
Wow!
THAT'S REALLY HIGH!
Total element points 40.10
Program's structural points 32.62
Free dance's points: 72.72
Kuroki Ogata pair's points
IT'S TOO BAD WE DIDN'T HAVE "KISS & CRY" SEATS
Overall points 131.03
WE CAN SIT IN THEM AT ALL-JAPAN

LEON!
MICHIRU.
WAVES
Bleh!
.....
YOU CAME TO WATCH IT?
THAT WAS REALLY GREAT.

...WHY DON'T YOU GO SHAKE HIS HAND?
HM, I CAN'T BECAUSE I'M TOO SHY!
THAT'S TAKESHI GOUDA! IN PERSON!
Dai Sakai's wants to do it too!
Really? It'll cost money, though.

Mary was unexpectedly pure.





SERIOUSLY, WHAT AM I DOING?
NOT AS OF THIS MOMENT ...
WE'RE JUST CHILD-HOOD FRIENDS ...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WERE YOU THAT SHY?
Didn't you have a new girl friend in the U.S.?
Yourself too.
I HAVEN'T ASKED A SINGLE THING THAT I WANTED TO ASK MICHIRU.
HOW SHE THINKS OF ME ...
OR ABOUT "THAT DAY" SEVEN YEARS AGO...
THE THIN FILM OF MY BITTER REPROACH GETS IN MY WAY.
RING RING RING!

I'VE COME TO ENTRUST THE LAST PACKAGE TO YOU.
BUT IF YOU'RE PAIRING WITH THAT GIRL, THEN YOU PROBABLY SHOULDN'T LOOK INSIDE...
Is this Hikaru?
HELLO ..?
IS IT YOU ..?!
Yes.
ARE YOU IN JAPAN RIGHT NOW?
EH...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT.
SERGEI?

◆ *Kiss & Never Cry v1/ The End* ◆

COLLECTION OF NG! POSES:

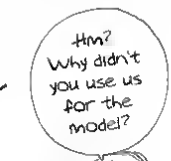
Even though they're beautiful during the ice dance, when you draw them there are some lifts that become really awkward. Therefore I'd like to introduce some that I couldn't use...

Seriously, really awkward position. The difficulty must be really high since the two of them don't use hands...

Skirt's not doing its purpose either

There's a rule on how many times you can do a split. I guess it's not beautiful..?

It's surprising how a body can be that flexible, but I don't know whether it's beautiful or not...



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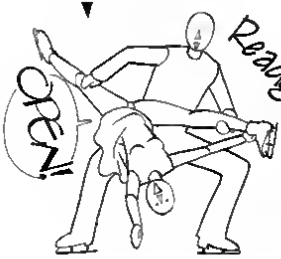

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